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## Howard Celebrates 135 Years Opening Convocation Attracts Approximately 1,500 Attendees Friday Morning in Cramton



President H. Patrick Swygert, Floretta Dukes-McKenzie and Dean Richardson look on as guest speaker Congressman John Lewis speaks at Convocation on Friday.

By Ruth Tisdale  
Hilltop Staff Writer

The Howard students of the past, present, and future came together to celebrate the institution's 135th Opening Convocation.

There was hardly an empty seat in Cramton Auditorium as

attendees came in droves to hear the words of Orator and Honoree Congressman John Lewis.

The convocation began at approximately 11:00a.m. with faculty and other distinguished guests filling into the auditorium to the sounds of "The War March of the Priest."

The underlying theme of

the convocation was: empowerment and leadership to Howard students, faculty, and staff.

Reverend Bernard Richardson, dean of the chapel, gave the invocation charging students to "become leaders who would go out into the world speaking truth to the powerless."

Floretta Dukes, vice-chair of the Board of Trustees greeted Howard students and reminisced about the tone of the last opening convocation that took place weeks after September 11th.

"I am proud to say that Howard is better today than it was before 9/11."

President Swygert reminded students that the Civil War brought an end to slavery but did not assure African Americans freedom.

"In order to obtain freedom we must agitate, agitate, agitate," Swygert said.

Swygert also discussed the need for marches.

"If you feel that you have done everything you could do to ensure that the least of us has freedom then you need not march, but if you are not free then I can assure you that you will not gain that freedom from a drive-in window or in the comforts of your home," Swygert said.

"You will not gain freedom elsewhere."

The Howard University Choir, along with the baritone

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## Swygert Delivers Sunday's Sermon

By Melanie Holmes  
Contributing Writer

Howard University's President, H. Patrick Swygert, delivered a powerful message at Sunday's worship service held in Cramton Auditorium.

Shortly following the Hymn of Preparation, "Yield not to Temptation," Swygert addressed the congregation, opening his sermon with light humor.

"These last seven days have been extraordinary for the University," Swygert said. "Reverend Jesse Jackson preaching in Chapel last Sunday, Congressman John Lewis speaking at Convocation on Friday. Now, today, I am called upon to speak well, two out of three ain't bad."

The President based his sermon on Psalms 27. He stressed the importance of being able to sing and make melody.

"Singing and shouts to the Lord define us as African Americans," Swygert said. "We find ourselves singing during our happiest and saddest moments, when we feel we have nothing to lose or have lost everything when we pray and when we party."

The President said the importance of praises span



Photo by Harvey Jenkins

Swygert addresses the Chapel

across denominations.

"Whatever your faith, if you believe some source outside of yourself, don't wait to sing," Swygert said.

The President referenced the story of David and Goliath as an example of singing praises to God in times of adversity. He urged attendees to confront their Goliaths.

"Ignorance never rests," President Swygert said. "You must not let the bars of the still too prevalent ignorance surround you. No matter how confined you are, there's always room to sing our Savior's praises."

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## Howard Student Wins Prestigious Art Prize Alexis Peskine Won \$1,500 & \$25,000 for the Art Department

By Ruth Tisdale  
Hilltop Staff Writer

France has had its share of great artists and painters such as Monet, Gauguin and Renoir. To add to that list is French national and Howard student Alexis Peskine, who won the HBCU Verizon Art Contest.

Peskine, senior paint major and photography minor, was honored on Thursday for winning the prestigious Verizon and Burrell Communications con-

test.

In June, Peskine sent his piece to be judged by Verizon and Burrell design specialists. For him his victory comes as surprise.

"I turned in my project, but I didn't think I was going to win anything," Peskine said. "I would not have participated in the contest if it hadn't been for Professor Bullock." Peskine's piece earned the blue ribbon.

For this young artist, painting comes very natural. Born in Paris, France, Peskine was surrounded by a

family of artists.

"My brothers and sisters were all artistic and so were my aunts and uncles," said Alexis.

"I can remember my father handing me my first set of pencils and then I just started drawing anything I saw."

Peskine came to the United States at age seventeen to attend the Nike camp for basketball. He later decided to enroll in Howard University's art department, where he has blossomed from a fledgling to an award-win-

ning artist.

Peskine's talent was immediately demonstrated in the classroom.

"Alexis is a naturally talented young man," says Professor Collours, who taught Alexis intermediate and digital photography. "He can be a class clown, but he is very motivated and one of my most self-disciplined students."

The 2002 HBCU Verizon Art Contest recipient's accomplishment demonstrates the talent of students

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Photo by Amanda Welsh

Alexis Peskine, a senior painting major, displays some of his artwork.

## Round 1: Self-Definition

### Verbal Armageddon Kicks off Friday

By Josef Sawyer  
Online Editor

Twenty-eight emcee's competing for one crown flowing on one mic. The only goal is to survive. Friday set the stage in a packed Blackburn ballroom for the Self-Definition round of Verbal Armageddon.

Friday's competition heard a baseline of new talent. Of the 28 emcee's spitting conscious rhymes, many were first-timers and four were women including Sapphire, Sheba, Shalinda and Quiet Fire.

Three of the four women advanced but Shalinda, the fourth emcee was a no-show Friday and subsequently was disqualified. This marks the first time that more than one female emcee will be featured in the second round since the competition began in 1998



Photo by Harvey Jenkins

'C' performs his Lil' Flip rendition "This is the Way 'C' Balls" at Verbal Armageddon in Blackburn

according to event coordinator Nelson Bennett. The artists provided the energy, as the call and response tango between

emcees and the crowd lasted more than three hours.

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## Nader Speaks at IMF Protest

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U.S. lawyer and consumer advocate Ralph Nader was a guest speaker during the conclusion of the International Monitoring Fund (IMF) protest.

Approximately 800 protesters stood at the U.S. monument, to hear the 2000 Green Party presidential candidate speak.

Nader's popularity sparked due to his fight to shut down companies such as the tobacco industry, McDonalds, and General Motors. Nader claims that corporations are greedy and their businesses are health hazardous to citizens. This led him to run for the 2000 presidential campaign, in which he represented the third party.

Protestors began to cheer as Nader approached the stage. Nader began his speech by attacking the multinational corporation media, which he accused of excluding issues that affect the working class. Nader said, "90% of all time is entertainment and advertising, the radio and TV stations pay no

rent to the people of the United States for their licenses that they get from the Federal Communication Commission." He also argued that the people's views are not represented through the media, therefore the people must go out on the street in search of justice.

The crowd continued to applaud for Nader as he gave a connotation of democracy. Nader stated, "Democracy is an instrument of justice and everybody in the world should be able to use it." Nader believes that the government should prioritize spending money to enhance health system, safety, and economic standard of living rather than the \$380 billion spent on military weapons.

The consumer advocate played the antagonist role as he stated that children are in dire condition and poverty is increasing. Nader continued by condoning corporations for wasting "precious" energy. Nader stated, "Corporation know no limits to their power, other than the rule of law, globalization that informs citizens."

Nader acknowledged the Environmental, Civil Rights, and



Photo Courtesy of freedomforum.org

Green Party candidate  
Ralph Nader

Anti poverty groups for challenging the corporations. He also noted that corporations are the grass roots to all dilemmas that are affecting the working class people. Nader then urged protesters to challenge corporation, because they have a major impact on the economy.

Nader concluded his speech regarding democracy by asking, "Who decides? Who pays? Who writes the rules?"

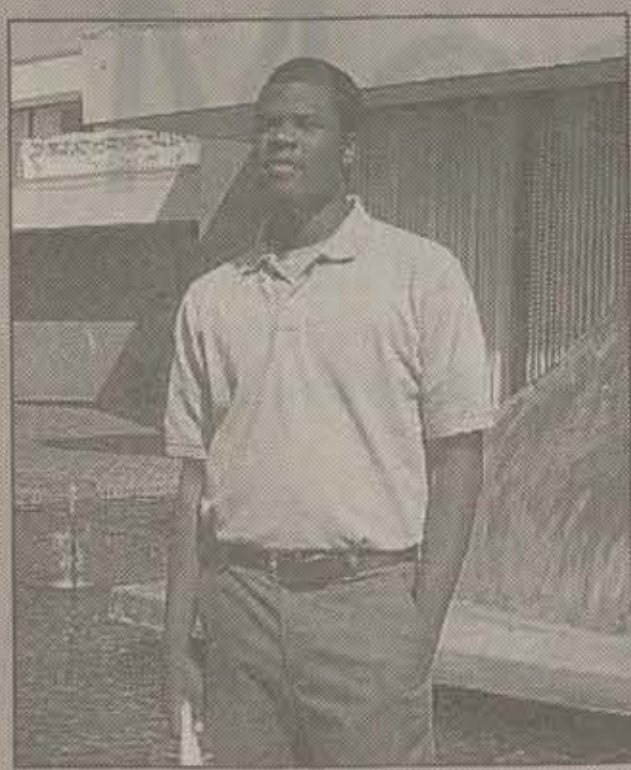




# CAMPUS

## VOICES & VIEWS

*What is your  
biggest com-  
plaint with the  
Math  
Department?*



**Corey Cunningham**  
Junior  
Economics & English

"My teacher doesn't speak English."



**Monique Noel**  
Freshman  
Psychology

"I think the classes are really crowded. But, my professor handles the class well and is not just teaching for the sake of a job."



**Loren Perkins-Johnson**  
Freshman  
Business Management

"I really don't have any complaints with the math department."



**Beth Finley**  
Freshman  
Biology

"My teacher doesn't want to explain the examples or do them on the board. He also misses at least one day a week."

Compiled by Melanie Nesbitt

## Meridian's Visitation Restored

By **Keyanna Doctor**  
Contributing Writer

Meridian Hill Hall's visitation was reinstated over the weekend after a week-long suspension after unidentified fifth floor residents vandalized cable cords and tennis balls drenched with water were thrown down fifth floor hallways.

In a memo dated Thursday, September 26, Reverend Nathaniel B. Thomas, Senior Community Director, told Meridian Hill Hall residents that honesty and integrity are important.

"We encourage each of you to police your own community at the Meridian Hill Hall," Thomas said. "Our awareness of activity within this residence hall should be to the extent that when an action occurs we will know exactly who to blame."

Some students like Lindsay Harper, a junior radio, television and film production major, questions why an entire dorm suffered for the childish acts of a few.

"They want us to be adult, but adults don't have constraints. I'm grown," Harper said. "As far as visitation, they need to treat us like adults. All the white schools I know of can have guests stay for three days, not four and on the fifth day the visitor can return for another three days."

Marcina Alexandre, a sophomore psychology major, compares the recent steps taken by the Meridian Hill Hall staff to parents punishing children. "They need to stop the taking and giving of visitation, if they're going to act like parents it should be either you have it or you don't like a mother would do," Alexandre said.

Some students say the Office of Residence Life is using their power irrationally. According to Kenyatta Hobson, Assistant Community Director, Residence Life is using no power plays.

"Students may feel as though visitation is a right. It is not; it is a privilege," Hobson said.

"The undergraduate insti-

tution I attended, Stillman College, had a very strict visitation policy where guests weren't allowed to pass the lobby, so when I came to Howard, I felt the policy was very liberal."

There are some students who agree with visitation suspension.

"Although people want to be treated like adults they don't act old enough to handle adult responsibilities," says Christal Brooks, a sophomore political science major.

Graduate Assistant Derrick Blue explains why the entire dorm's visitation was suspended.

"If we restricted visitation for just the fifth floor it would lead to the residents on other floors signing in guests for the residents of the fifth floor and this would not have an effect on the dorm to understand the severity of what happened," Blue said.

Thomas also urged residents to cooperate with building evacuations.

"This must be done in a



File Photo

Visitation began in the dorms September 20th.

timely manner and with a spirit of cooperation," Thomas said. "It is also important to reiterate that smoke detectors in each room should not be tampered with at any time. The university does have a mechanism to inform us when this takes place."

Some students such as Lanitra Wooten, a junior marketing major, are perturbed by the frequent fire alarms.

"It is ridiculous, last

Sunday the alarm went off at 7:30 a.m. and again in the afternoon," Wooten said. "I am concerned that when there is a real fire like the one last semester some students may disregard the alarm as it no longer means danger."

Up to press time Monday, there were no reports of visitation problems in the upper-classman dormitory.

## Students Attempt to Find Solutions to Math Problems

By **Candice McCollough**  
Contributing Writer

Many Howard students dread Algebra and many other Mathematics courses because of the complex mathematical language, which at the very least involve equations or finding slopes and gradients of lines. However, for some, the main challenge is understanding a professor who may seem to speak another language.

A number of students have difficulty understanding their math professor's accent.

Some students are finding ways around their professors' accents by looking for other methods of comprehending what is being said. Students included in this article have requested that their names be changed so as not to affect their grades.

Freshman psychology major, Mary Brown, has problems understanding her

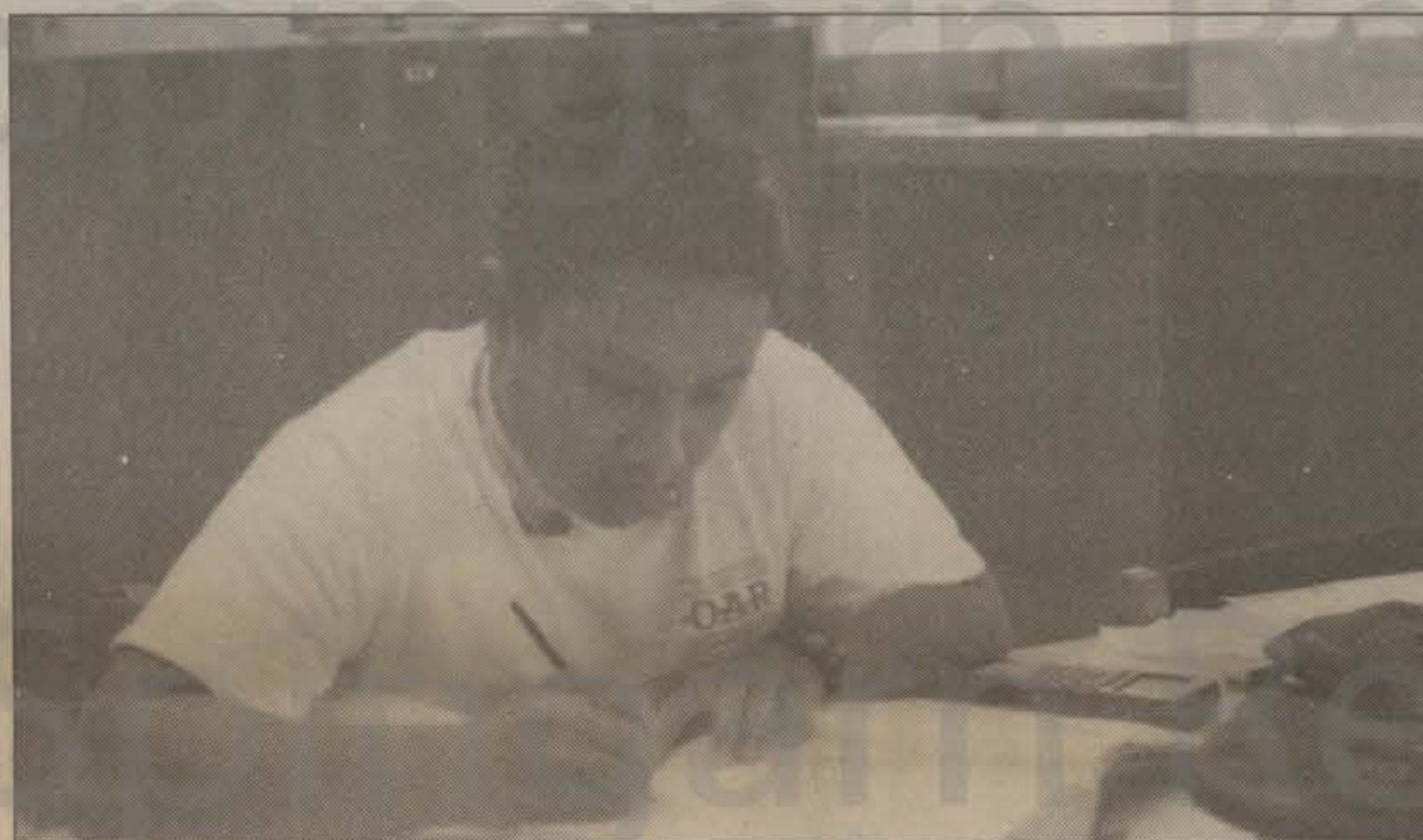


Photo by Amanda Welsh

**Keith Layson, a mechanical engineering major, studies Calculus in the Undergraduate Library.**

professor.

"It is very hard to understand my math professor's accent until she writes on the board, but I'm getting used to her accent now," Brown said.

Professor Louise Raphael confirms that it is possible to become acclimated to another person's accent to the point where understanding them clearly is not as difficult.

She also gives a few suggestions for students, who have teachers with unfamiliar accents.

"If a student does not understand what the teacher is saying, first, they should ask for the teacher to repeat it slowly," Raphael said. "Secondly, students should try to adapt their ear to the accent."

Not all math professors have incomprehensible

accents.

Chemical engineering major, Misty Hart, says that her math professor has a problem projecting his voice.

"I have a hard time understanding him due to the fact that he does not speak loudly enough," Hart said.

While students do have problems understanding professors' accents, according to Abdul-Aziz Yakubu, professor of Mathematics, some students have other problems, especially poor attendance.

"It is very difficult to get students in general to come to class. Attendance is crucial," Yakubu said.

He maintains that the professor's accent may be only part of the reasons for a student not being able to master the concepts of the class. "Math is a highly demanding course. You have to practice it like crazy," Yakubu said.

Shannon Mosley, a jun-

ior in the College of Arts and Sciences, says some students have found their solution.

"Most have given up and look confused the whole time or they are just inattentive and sleeping," Mosley said.

Yakubu suggests students take advantage of the professor's office hours.

"Time outside of class with the professor allows a one-on-one opportunity for the student to become more familiar with his or her accent," Yakubu said. "It gives a chance for the student to actually learn the math."

Louis Shapiro, the head of the math department, was unavailable for an interview concerning the issue.

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the editor  
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## Jobs and Studies, Students Try to Strike a Balance



Photo by Amanda Welsh

**Diana Smith, a junior marketing major, works part-time in the Howard University Bookstore.**

By **Jodi Hurt**  
Contributing Writer

Balancing school and work is a challenging task for many students, for some it is hard to find a successful medium between books and the need for money.

Most students work to get

extra money to offset the cost of living and paying bills.

Angelo Addo, a senior chemistry major, works four days a week and enjoys the feeling of financial independence from her parents.

"I work so I can pay my bills and meet other financial obligations," Addo said. "Working in college helps to

ancing work and school is not impossible.

"Students can handle it if they commit themselves to the task," Wells said. "It is all about communication with your teachers, employers, and most importantly time management."

Wells recommends that

provide me with a strong work ethic I will need after graduation."

Associate Dean of the School of Communications, David Woods, said it is imperative that students find a balance.

"I urge students to be realistic," Woods said. "Many students take too much and end up dropping classes toward the end of the semester."

Kim Wells, director of Career Services, said balancing work and school is not impossible.

students try to have jobs that relate to their field of study as it provides the experience students will need in the future.

Lasana Harris, a senior psychology major, currently works in his field.

"I think it helps to have a job in my field because it gives me hands on experience that will prove invaluable in the future," Harris said.

The Careers Services director says some of the primary reasons students get jobs is because of the need for money to pay for school, books, cellular phones and car payments.

According to a report released by the Florida Public Interest Research Group's Higher Education Project students who work more than 25 hours a week see their grades suffer. The report, generated by the U.S. Department of Education, says the rising cost of college education is forcing students to spend more time working to pay bills rather than studying for classes.

Forty-six percent of all students who work do so for more than 25 hours a week and near-

ly half of the, report working has a negative impact on grades.

Moya Mendes, a senior history major, has chosen not to work during the semester.

"I intern at The Hartford every summer and chose not to work during the school year," Mendes said. "I have tried to work in the past and found that it conflicted with my primary focus as a student."

For students like freshman Shannon McGhee balancing is not an option. She explains how she finds the middle ground.

"I wake up early morning class then I go to work right after my last class around one o'clock and try to study as much as possible while on the metro," McGhee said. "Then once I get home it is all studying from there until I am finished. Sometimes I don't end up going to sleep until 2 or 3 in the morning."

Director Wells urges students to visit the office located on second floor of the C.B. Powell Building (School of Communications).





## Howard Attracts the Best and Brightest



Photo by Amanda Welsh

**Soraya McDonald, a freshman print journalism major, is a 2002 National Achievement Scholar.**

**By Jesyca Westbrook**  
Contributing Writer

Maybe it's the new i-Lab in the Blackburn Center, or the aroma of Starbucks coffee coming to our bookstore soon or the recently crowned Ms. USA Shauntay Hinton, but something is drawing more high school graduates with high PSAT scores and grade point averages to Howard University.

After being named a National Achievement Finalist, freshman student, Earl Fitzhugh, had his pick of attending almost any college in the nation.

Fitzhugh, a mechanical engineering major, considered the University of South Carolina, Florida A&M University, Hampton University, Georgetown University and Carnegie Mellon before finally deciding on Howard.

"Howard was the first college

to send me a scholarship package. I knew then that they were serious," Fitzhugh said. "The personal attention and care of positive blacks I met on campus was also a deciding factor for choosing Howard."

Fitzhugh, other National Achievement Scholars and many international students with high averages have helped raise the average SAT score at Howard.

According to a report by Director of Admissions, Djuna Bridges, Howard experienced a 22 percent increase in freshman applications that resulted in increasing the average SAT score of accepted students by 30 points to 1085 on a 1600 scale.

The top half of the class of 2006 has an average SAT score of 1182, and the overall average for Howard is 1079.

Linda Sanders-Hawkins, associate director of Admissions, says that the University's admission standards have increased in general.

"Howard is well above the National norm for test score averages," Hawkins said. "Last year the class of 2005 enrolled a little over 30 National Achievement Scholars, while this year, the class of 2006 is

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## Trustee Meets with Student Leaders



Photo by Kerry-Ann Hamilton

**Left to Right: M. Kasim Reed, member of the Board of Trustees, Cornell Williamson, HUSA President, Jaha Howard, Undergraduate Trustee and Hassan Minor, Senior Vice President.**

## General Assembly: HU Congress

### The GA acts as a Legislative Body

**By Danielle Scruggs**  
Hilltop Staff Writer

Stories relating to the General Assembly often make front-page news, but many students remain unclear as to who this body is and what they do.

The General Assembly is the legislative branch of Howard's student government.

It is comprised of the Howard University Student Association's president and vice president Cornell Williamson and T. Nicole Merritt respectively, and members of the Undergraduate Student Association (UGSA) and the Graduate Student Assembly (GSA).

The Assembly is responsible for approving HUSA's budget, providing funding for the other student organizations, the Special Elections held in the fall and the General Elections held in the spring and addressing grievances from the student body.

In order for the Assembly to vote on anything there must be quorum,



File Photo

**Members of the General Assembly: Spencer Chenier, Larry Brown Jr., Charmion Kinder and Jamal Brown.**

where over half of all the members are present so business can be conducted.

Since there are 30 members in General Assembly, at least 16 people must be present at the meeting to meet quorum.

The meetings are governed by "Robert's Rules of Order," which is a guide on how to keep proper parliamentary procedure at a meeting. These guidelines

help keep a meeting orderly. General Assembly meetings are open to members of the student body.

Jamal Brown, vice president of the School of Communications and General Assembly member says he would like to see more students at General Assembly meetings.

"There's a gap between student leaders and the stu-

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## CAR Offers Tutoring Services

**By Shari Davis**  
Contributing Writer

Having problems with College Algebra I, English 002 or English 003?

Howard University's Center for Academic Reinforcement may be the solution.

The center focuses on basic skills that professors generally don't have time to go over in depth.

Louis Shapiro, Interim Chairman, says students need the extra help with the fundamentals.

"More freshman students were put into basic math and grammar classes this year compared to last year's freshman class," Shapiro said. "Nearly 300 freshman students have been placed in basic classes, which is a big jump compared to the 180 last year," Shapiro said.

Other programs have been developed to provide assistance to freshman and students in English, including the writing center located in the Human Ecology building in room 1024, the writing center in Locke Hall in room 100 and the math tutoring room located

in the Human Ecology building.

Both programs are targeted to freshman, but are open to all classifications.

No appointments are needed, but they are recommended, since tutors may be with other students.

The tutors in the writing center are graduate students and trained undergraduate students.

The math tutors are selected based on their grades and an interviewing process with the head of the math department.

"I can't understand why anyone would not want to come to the tutoring session, they really help me reinforce what the teacher taught me in class," said a student finds the tutoring service to be useful and asked that his name not be published.

The writing center in Locke Hall also holds seminars on specific topics, such as how to write an effective topic sentence.

"In the seminars, we discuss structuring ideas and developing ideas since they are more prominent problems that freshman seem to have," said Monique Lewis, a gradu-

ate student and tutor in Locke hall. "We also get the teachers involved by sending out notices on when we're planning to have a seminar so they can bring their class down for a session."

There are a couple of things students will not get when going to the writing center and the math tutorial room. Tutors will not do homework assignments or proofread essays. When going to the writing center be sure to have a specific question and an example of it in your textbook or an already graded paper so the tutors can go over it with you.

Lewis says the tutorial services is not for a "quick fix," and urges students not to come just before a major paper and expect answers.

The center will look over your papers or assignments to recommend possible revisions, and aid students in preparing for midterms and final exams.

Daria Winters, professor of English, is disappointed more students do not use the writing lab facilities.

"Unfortunately the students don't take the writing center seriously. They seem to

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## Counseling Service Helps Students Grapple with Stress

**By Rochelle K. Hussey**  
Contributing Writer

A recent National College Health Assessment conducted by the University of Florida showed that stress was among the top four things that affected students in the last 12 months.

Stress and the need for someone to talk with is not unfamiliar to college students, but the thought of seeking counseling has not crossed the minds of many.

The Howard University Counseling Service (UCS) provides students no-fee, no-hassle convenience with open doors.

Many students are unaware of this and do not fully take advantage of the health services available on campus. Akilah Knight, a junior theater arts and acting major, was

never told about the counseling service.

"I didn't know we had a counseling service," Knight said. "Personally, if I had a problem I would confide in a friend. If the problem was dealing with academics, finances or things of the sort, I would then like to find out some information about the service."

Thomas Hardy, a junior biology major, was also surprised that the University had a counseling service.

"I think they need to do more advertising around campus about their services," Hardy said. "I don't even know where the counseling center is located."

Director of training, psychologist and therapist, Nickole Scott-Conerly commented on the stigma shared by many stu-

dents toward receiving counseling.

"Students might be appre-

stigma on mental health facilities," Conerly said. "When a student comes in, we do our



Photo by Amanda Welsh

**Violet R. Shelton, Senior Counselor speaks with Thomas Wessel, Dean for Counseling and Career Development.**

hensive based on media associated with counseling and the

best to try to normalize the process, they may be anxious at

first but when they meet with counselors their fear dissipates."

She explained that clients are evaluated based on their needs and treated accordingly with the utmost confidentiality.

"Based on what the presenting concerns are, we [UCS] give them coping strategies, instruments that they can take to steer them in the right direction of resolving their issue," Scott-Conerly said.

Students visit UCS for various concerns, including but not limited to schoolwork, procrastination, relationships, parenting, homesickness, gay and lesbian concerns and sexual abuse.

UCS also provides group sessions for people who have suffered loss or been effected by the September 11th attack on the United States.

No academic advice is given at the University Counseling Service; however, counselors do assist in major and career selection.

Dean of Counseling and Career Development and Director of Counseling Service Thomas R. Wessel, a psychologist, clarified the aims of the service.

"Over the years, we have done a lot of things to de-stigmatize counseling," Wessel said. "The UCS has done so through offering non-traditional programs such as the implementation of group counseling and group psychotherapy in addition to one-on-one psychotherapy."

UCS has also taken the services to where the students are such as residents halls, the

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# METRO

## District Hires Police Officers from Puerto Rico

By Sharia Davis  
Contributing Writer

When 20-year-old senior from Duke University, Doriannicole Haynes heard about the recruitment of Puerto Ricans officers, she had one thought in mind. "Why are they [Metropolitan Police Department] recruiting people from Puerto Rico and not from New York, when there are people in those areas that are in need of jobs," said comparative area of studies and sociology major Haynes.

For years the Latino community has fought against discrimination because of the lack of Latino officers. In the

Washington Post, the Metropolitan Police Chief Charles H. Ramsey said the growth of the Hispanic population and previous confrontations between Spanish-speaking immigrants and English-speaking policeman created the need for Latino officers in DC.

"Granted, these officers are from Puerto Rico and most of our Hispanic population in the District is from Central America, but at least it's a start. And we'll have less of a language barrier," said Ramsey.

Metropolitan Police Officer and Media Liaison Kenneth Bryson also feels that the Latino community is grow-

ing and something has to be done to accommodate it.

"As Metropolitan Police officers, we have to be responsible to meet the needs of our Latino community," said Bryson.

But why from Puerto Rico, some ask? The majority of the Latino population in D.C. comes from Central and South America. According to Washington D.C.'s annual population report, back in September 1991 there were 3% of Hispanics; today, 6% of the population is Latino.

"The tremendous growth of DC's Latino population has posed unique challenges for our department, especially as

we work to recruit more residents to take an active role in community policing," said Ramsey.

According to some Metropolitan officials, many Latinos in America want to become police officers, but are unable to work in the U.S. because they are not U.S. citizens. Puerto Rico, however, is considered a U.S. city-state, which makes Puerto Ricans U.S. citizens.

The idea to recruit Latino officers from Puerto Rico came after the department's success with the Asian Liaison unit in Chinatown. The new Latino unit will work from 8:00 a.m. to midnight everyday at a new

office on Columbia Road, NW. The office is located in the SunTrust Bank building in the heart of Adams Morgan, an area highly populated by Hispanics in the District.

In a speech in early July, Ramsey recognized that the police department has a lot of work to do to strengthen the bonds of trust with the Latino residents, but these officers will not only handle Latino situations.

"As we strive to enhance diversity and improve service, we need to avoid the tendency to 'compartmentalize' police services. I reject the idea that only black officers can police predominantly black commu-

nities, or only white officers can police predominantly white communities," said Ramsey. "But in the long run, we will best meet the challenges of policing a diverse city by maintaining a diverse, well-rounded, well-trained community-oriented police force."

Last August, 20 bilingual Puerto Rican officers reported to the district in for a special 14-week training session with the police academy. Ramsey said the MPDC hope to hire approximately 60 officers from Puerto Rico by October, and another 30 in coming months. For more information about the Latino Liaison Unit visit [www.mpdc.org](http://www.mpdc.org).

### Metro Briefs

**Government-** Mayor Anthony Williams has proposed tax increases and spending cuts in order to get the District out of a \$323 million deficit. Williams proposed to raising the cigarette tax to a dollar a pack and also increasing taxes on those making more than \$50 thousand a year. Williams has also suggested making cuts in different agencies all over the city including \$30 million from schools, \$61 million from

social services and \$16 million from public safety. D.C. Council chairwoman Linda Cropp said that they are "fairly close" to a budget deal. D.C. officials will be meeting again today to discuss more plans.

**Police-** Capitol Police Chief Terry Gaines during a hearing on the District's emergency plans for the IMF protests, warned that D.C. could be the target of terrorist activity. Gaines has not received specific terrorist threats but is concerned about protesters claims to shut down the

city. Extra officers will be brought in to control the crowds according to Gaines.

**Community-** Women and Company, a new financial service is being launched in the District to help professional women to take care of their finances. The company is aimed at helping the women who do not have the time or do not take the time to better control their finances and investments. With a membership fee of \$125 the company will give women various advice and assistance with controlling

their accounts. Women and Company can be joined at any Citibank or Solomon Smith and Barney.

**Education-** District public school officials reported the parents of students who did not provide proper notification of their child being immunized. Under the city's truancy laws, these parents may face a \$100 fine or be sentenced to five days in jail. School officials have stated that these consequences are not to punish but to protect all children from communicable diseases.

## Possible Tunnel to Fix White House Traffic

By Candice Lee  
Contributing Writer

The Bush administration decided last week to designate \$5 million to study how a tunnel built near the White House would affect traffic. This marks the beginning of a possible large reconstruction of the area surrounding the White House.

The aim is to help restore some of the lost transportation capacity from the closure of Pennsylvania Avenue while still maintaining security. If

built, the tunnel will cost an estimated \$55 million to \$135 million. It will be constructed either in front of the building, under Pennsylvania Avenue, or under E Street. Both of these streets are closed off due to safety issues concerning the White House.

President Bush closed E Street after the Sept. 11 attacks and former President Bill Clinton closed Pennsylvania Avenue after the Oklahoma City bombing in 1995.

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## Why Are CDs So Much?

### The Price Debate Revisted

By Maryann James  
Business Editor

Every music lover and friend of a music lover is familiar with the situation. Excited about a new single or new album by a favorite artist, the music lover rushes to their local store to pick up the CD. However, after breezing through the doors and rushing down the aisle to get the CD, Mr. Music Lover is taken aback by the price on the CD.

"\$17.00! I'm not paying that much for a CD!," you exclaim. "I'll just go home and burn it!"

Not only is this a familiar experience for many music lovers, this is a common and painful problem for record companies.

Album sales are down 2.8% from 2000, and according to the National Federation of the Phonographic Industry, the music business lost \$4.2 billion in revenue last year.

As a result, the music industry is scrambling to fix the slow leak of revenue. Prices are higher than ever, starting with CDs like Ja Rule's "Pain Is Love" in the spring of this year, which sold for as much as \$19.98.

Peer-to-peer software companies like Napster and Audiogalaxy are being shut down in an attempt to stop users from getting free music, and agents for musicians and record companies are sabotaging current file sharing programs like Kazaa by posting

phony songs. Record executives have even suggested charging royalties for used CDs resold in music stores.

But are any of these strategies bringing students back?

Assistant manager at Willie's Records and Tapes on Georgia Avenue, Maduka Wilbuin, said no. Wilbuin also worked at FYE in Georgetown before his current job at Willie's, so he has been able to

that's being modest," he said.

But while many record companies blame the availability of free music online as the culprit, Wilbuin believes the answer is more complicated. One problem is that the quality of music being put out is sub par.

"Most people are pretty disappointed by the quality of CDs that they're buying," he said. "They're only getting two to three songs on the CD, so they'll just burn the CD or get their friends to burn it."

Senior physical education major Ayana Ball is one such person. Ball doesn't buy CDs often; on average she buys one CD every three months.

"I have to really like the artist or a few songs on the album," she said.

Instead, she usually opts to get burned CDs from one of her friends, who will charge her no more than a dollar, a marked difference from the usual \$13.00 to \$20.00 price tag.

"Price doesn't even really matter to me," she said. "But I can get a whole 20 song CD for a dollar."

Although Ball isn't turned away by high prices, Wilbuin believes that it is the reason why most consumers are turning toward their CD-RWs and away from record stores.

However, record industry heads argue that current prices are reasonable.

According to the Recording Industry Association of America, or RIAA, the average CD price fell 40% between 1983

### Statistics

#### CD Units Shipped (Millions)

1998	847
1999	938.9
2000	942.5
2001	881.9

#### CD Dollar Value (Millions)

1998	11,416
1999	12,816.30
2000	13,214.50
2001	12,909.40

-Data, RIAA

keep a watch on music sales and trends.

"Sales have been slow for a while," he said. "At least since the latter part of last year." Wilbuin said sales have dropped around 30%. "And



Photo by Harvey Jenkins

A student peruses CDs in Willie's on Georgia Ave

and 1996, while the Price Index rose nearly 60 percent. If the industry followed the Price Index, argues the RIAA, a CD in 1996 would've cost \$33.86 instead of \$12.75.

They also add that current prices not only have to pay for the artist on the CD, but all artists that do not sell millions of copies.

However, consumers are not buying the argument, so many labels have started to stick average introductory prices of \$10.00 on new CDs.

Wilbuin feels that strategies like lower introductory prices are the only solution. "It does work," he said. "People will grab it without thinking about it, especially if they're \$9.99 or lower." Wilbuin has seen proof right at Willie's.

For example, Willie's offered India.Arie's new CD, "Voyage to India," at the lower price of \$12.99. It was also their biggest seller this week. This is nothing new to Wilbuin.

"New releases are usually our biggest sellers," he said. "Especially when we have some kind of special."

Junior photography major

Naemah Cranston, who just bought the India.Arie CD, agrees that price is a big factor in her purchasing decisions.

An avid music collector, she usually buys no less than 2 CDs a month, but she also gets more CDs by burning friends' CDs as well. One of the reasons she doesn't buy more CDs is the price, which she thinks has gotten out of hand.

"CDs for \$19.00 don't make any sense," she said. "I can spend \$19 for a movie."

She combats insane prices by shopping at certain places in New York City that sell most of their CDs for \$10.00 or less. According to Cranston, these stores can afford to sell them low because they have a loyal crowd that will continue to buy CDs.

But not everyone is as lucky as Cranston, and the general consensus to everyone but the record executives is that low prices are the only way to go.

"Labels should focus on that," said Wilbuin. "Everything else they're trying is counter-productive. Now it's catching up to them."

## COLUMN

### Are You an Entrepreneur?

Lawrence A. Garrett

Some entrepreneurs believe that entrepreneurs are born and not made. To them it is something found in a person's blood that can only be manifested within the human spirit and not manufactured within the confines of any institution. They believe it is the understanding that profits are better than wages.

We all know who these people are! They were the kids in your neighborhood or at school who bought candy wholesale and sold it to you at a retail price. They were the kids who couldn't keep a job but always had a hustle. These are now the same individuals who sing Jay-Z's verse on his last album, "The Blue Print": "I sell ice in the winter, I sell fire in hell, I am a hustler baby, I'll sell water to whale. I was born to dictate..."

Some entrepreneurs take this verse literally, but most entrepreneurs market what they truly believe in and use their product or service personally. So I posed a question to Dennis Kimbro, author of Think and Grow Rich, The Black Choice: As an entrepreneur, what does formal education prepare me for?

Kimbro told me, "Whether you're an entrepreneur or employee you have to be able to compete in a hyperactive marketplace by establishing and recognizing the 10 forms of wealth."

I said, "Explain," as I took out my pen and paper.

#### Knowledge

Some people get paid for what they know. They are called consultants. But the problem I found is that there are lots of people who know plenty but do little. This is where the line is drawn between activity knowledge versus learning knowledge. We oftentimes are learning from people, professors, and parents that are teaching us to do something that they have not physically done themselves. I'd rather watch a leader than listen to one any day!

#### Skill or Expertise

All entrepreneurs in some form or fashion love sales. Oddly enough everyone is in sales, it just that they're not getting paid for it. You told your friend to see "Run Tel Dat," and that's exactly what the producers wanted you to do, which was run-tell-that. However Martin Lawrence did not pull out his checkbook and write you a check.

Less than 10% of the American population is in sales, but 90% are in support of people in sales. Remember, sales is a contact sport, the person with the most exposure of his or her product or service wins. If you think I'm lying, ask Coca-Cola.

#### Money

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## Fast Food Exodus

### Chains Around DC Shut Down

By Christetta K. Stone  
Contributing Writer

A student walks from Burr Gymnasium one morning, thinking of stopping to grab a quick bite to eat. After a tiring 8:10 a.m. fitness class, the student slowly walks in the direction of Burger King. The Howard bell sounds. It's 9:30 a.m. The student realizes there isn't enough time to eat and make it to the C.B. Powell

Building by 9:40. The student thinks, "I'll have Burger King later on."

Returning that evening, having had thoughts of the succulent, mouth-watering burgers, fries, and shakes from Burger King, the student is disappointed to see that Burger King no longer exists.

It happened spring of 2002. Some people never knew. Some may not remember, and others loath the thought. No one expected it.

Without warning, two of the fast food restaurants in the Howard University community, Burger King and Kentucky Fried Chicken, closed.

Sophomore biology premed major Rashunda Stitt experienced the disappearance first-hand. She was disappointed because she occasionally dined at Burger King during basketball season and would no longer be able to do so.

"At 9:00 a.m. that morning Burger King was there," said Stitt. "Then, at six o'clock that evening it was gone. At least that's the way it seemed. What happened?"

Burger King Company spokesman Liana Hanna, had limited information as to why the restaurant closed.

"The restaurant was closed in March," she said. "It had been franchised out to Lavan Hawkins by Urban City Foods. The contract was terminated."

Hanna explained that Burger King does not own the lot on which the restaurant was franchised. Therefore, she had no further information to offer.

After a protracted legal battle with Burger King on grounds that they were backing off of a 225 franchise plan with his company, Hawkins left the burger franchise, closing his 23 remaining stores.

The regional director for Kentucky Fried Chicken, was unavailable for comment on why KFC closed.

Sophomore insurance major Tonee Sealy angrily responded to Kentucky Fried



Photo by Harvey Jenkins

The Burger King on the corner of Georgia Ave and Girard Street, NW months after it closed

Chicken's leaving. "Damn, I can't get a Twister anymore," said Sealy.

However, most students have taken their drop in fast food choices in stride.

Sophomore international business major Brandy Jeffers believes that students should have more food choices than they do now. "It's a tragedy because students are limited to Subway and McDonald's for a quick meal," Jeffers said.

According to Naquida Baggs, McDonald's manager, business is about the same since the close of Burger King and Kentucky Fried Chicken. However, Subway has been somewhat affected.

Subway cashier Arsiema Afeworki says she has noticed a slight change since the close of Burger King and Kentucky Fried Chicken. "The restaurant is busier sometimes," she said.

However one feels about the two restaurants leaving, many students are

now simply looking to the future. Some students hope that something useful will open in place of the abandoned restaurants, such as another fast food or convenience store.

Sophomore Business major Tosha Holmes makes a few suggestions for the abandoned sites.

"Put a Wendy's, Checkers, or some other fast food restaurant there," Holmes said.

Others long for other fast food alternatives.

"Why doesn't Howard just buy the property and open a restaurant for its students?" said Stitt. "I would love to see a Checkers where Burger King used to be."

Even though students desire the Whopper and the BK Chicken Sandwich, no tears have been shed. They continue to walk the distance for that freshly made sub and America's Favorite Fries.



Photo by Harvey Jenkins

The KFC on Georgia Ave shortly after it closed





# NATION

## Alert System Hopes to Reduce Abduction in NY

By Tiffany D. Jackson  
Contributing Writer

The parents of New York can now look forward to increased child safety in the state now that Governor George Pataki recently signed the Amber Alert System into law, which hopes to reduce child abduction rates.

The system is a volunteer partnership between law enforcement officers and broadcasters to activate an urgent bulletin in life-threatening child abduction cases. It works by providing citizens with a description of the child, the abductor, and/or the abductors vehicle.

Although there are only 20 statewide plans and 32 city plans in effect as of now, the Amber Alert system has saved at least 22 children's lives so far.

A.M.B.E.R., which stands for America's Missing Broadcast Emergency Response, came into existence when 9-year old Amber Hagerman was abducted while playing outside her home in Texas and was brutally murdered when her throat was slit in 1996. Outraged community members tried to find a system that would aid in helping to find a missing child.

The system works like the Emergency Alert System that informs drivers of severe weather. It has helped in such cases as the two teenaged girls



New York is the 17th state to adopt the A.M.B.E.R. system, a new volunteer partnership between NYPD and broadcasters to help locate missing children.

kidnapped in California from their respective dates.

However, not every case or abduction fit the general criteria of the Amber Alert. According to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, in order for the alert to be made it must first, confirm a child was abducted, confirm dangerous circumstances and have a detailed description of the child, abductor and vehicle.

Governor George Pataki signed the bill on September 2, making the plan a statewide system rather than the plan being conducted in several counties around the New York. Alerts will be posted on New York State Thruways, toll-booths, service areas, and all lottery displays at Lotto dis-

tributors. Television stations will have scrolling information on bottom of screens while radio station will announce the warning informed by participating law enforcement. NY is the 17th state to adopt the law.

Many New York Students have faith in the new plan.

"I think it's a good idea because it's not a big invasion of privacy," says Nicole Johnson, a junior early child hood and human development major from New York. "If you have the audacity to steal a child, the people have the right to know. The kidnappers rights should not be respected".

Adana Llanos, Junior Biology Major from neighbor-

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## NATION IN BRIEF

**ATLANTIC CITY** -- A Bulgarian national was arrested yesterday at Atlantic City International Airport after federal screeners found a pair of scissors embedded in a bar of soap and two boxcutters in a lotion bottle in his backpack.

**Nikolay Volodiev Dzhonev**, 21, was charged with possession of a prohibited weapon. Egg Harbor Township police said Dzhonev was being held on \$100,000 bail.

The man told authorities he packed the items that way to keep them from damaging anything else in his backpack, Johnson said. He said he bought the Spirit Airlines ticket so he could visit a friend in South Carolina before returning to Bulgaria.

**MIAMI** -- Tropical Storm Lili, churning toward the Gulf of Mexico, could strike the Gulf Coast by the end of the week, forecasters said.

It was too early to predict where Lili would come ashore, but coastal residents from Texas to Florida should be on the alert for a direct hit as early as Friday, said Stacy Stewart of the National Hurricane Center.

Lili was about 15 miles east-northeast of Montego Bay, Jamaica, and had maximum sustained winds of about 60 mph, below the 74 mph minimum for a hurricane. The storm has caused extensive flooding in Jamaica and Haiti and left four people dead in St.

Vincent.

**SHOW LOW, Ariz.** -- The Forest Service responded slowly to build fire breaks and save homes from a wildfire that later grew into the largest in Arizona history, local officials told members of Congress.

But a Forest Service official defended the agency's handling of the blaze, saying that given the fire's size and intensity, there was often nothing to be done but get out of the way.

The wildfire near Show Low destroyed 467 homes and burned 732 square miles before it was stopped in July. It originally was two fires, the Rodeo fire, which started June 18, and the Chediski fire, which started June 20.

**OAKLAND** -- Ports along the West Coast rumbled back to life as shipping lines lifted an employee lockout imposed after contract negotiation with the longshoremen's union fell apart. Docks in Los Angeles, Seattle, Tacoma, Wash., and Portland, Ore., quietly returned to action, but chaos was the rule at the San Francisco Bay ports, where 10 large ships filled with containers waited, untouched since the lockout began Friday night.

**EFFORT, Pa.** -- A teenage volunteer firefighter was killed after he and his friend set fire to an abandoned trailer home then crashed their pickup truck into a pole en route to fight the blaze, officials said. The 18-year-old who survived the crash, Ryan Campbell, was charged Friday

with arson, involuntary manslaughter and homicide by vehicle, prosecutors said. Campbell and Daniel Dreisbach, also 18 and a member of the Sun Valley Volunteer Fire Company, allegedly set the trailer home alight last week with road flares stolen from the firehouse, prosecutors said. Dreisbach died instantly when their truck hit the pole.

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## Nigerian Students Kidnap Vice-Chancellor



By Capricia Williams  
Contributing Writer

Nigerian students of Delta State University burned down three buildings after the university refused to re-enroll 11 students expelled for allegedly kidnapping their vice chancellor and a professor in 2000.

The riots broke out when police tried to end a

four-day siege initiated by 75 students of the university. According to the Associated Press, students—most of whom are members of the group that arranged the protests, the National Association of Nigerian Students—said the fires were set after the police killed two students.

Many students returned after dark and set three buildings and a dozen vehicles on fire, said

AP reports, and the campus branch of All States Trust Bank was reportedly broken into. The fires burned throughout the weekend.

"It's very unfortunate," said senior, English and political science major, Keishia Thorpe. "It doesn't say a lot that students would burn down their own institution. It is telling everyone that it is OK, and it's not."

At least 15 students were arrested in the riots and police said they recovered 10 personal computers stolen during the unrest.

Student unrest, but to a scale of lesser violence, has occurred at Howard University in the past—the latest occurring in 1989 when roughly 3,000 Howard students disrupted convocation day activities and later occupied the Administration Building for three days. Students demanded more campus police, better maintenance of the university, a more "afro-centric" curriculum

and the resignation of former Howard trustee, Lee Atwater.

Both Atwater and Howard president, James Cheek, submitted resignations that year.

The takeover of 1989

**"It doesn't say a lot that students would burn down their own institution. It is telling everyone that it is OK, and it's not."**

**-Keishia Thorpe**

was international news and was the second of its kind—the first occurred in 1968.

Howard students also took over the Administration Building in 1968. Student leaders presented the administration

with specific demands including the establishment of black oriented courses, the establishment of a student judiciary and the dismissal of certain administration officials. If there were no move toward the compliance to these demands the students decided to deliver the demands in person during Charter Day.

The student leaders interrupted the Charter Day activities at Cramton. The university sent letters to the 30 students directing them to appear before the disciplinary board. In the March 22, 1968 issue of The Hilltop one of the student leaders said, "This disciplinary board is nothing but a kangaroo court where students are being invited to be kicked out through these illegal processes."

The leaders had a rally that concluded with a march to the administration building and a sit-in.

## WORLD IN BRIEF

**MOSCOW** — A regional election commission yesterday nullified a recent gubernatorial election in one of Russia's biggest provinces on the grounds of reported irregularities, triggering a political confrontation that could test the country's commitment to democracy.

The commission invalidated the victory of Alexander Khloponin in Krasnoyarsk, a resource-rich Siberian territory ruled by former Gen. Alexander Lebed until his death in a helicopter crash in April. Khloponin, the former head of the Norilsk Nickel mineral giant, defeated Alexander Uss in a contest that opposed powerful business interests.

## AFRICA

Americans Evacuated From Ivory Coast City

**YAMOUSSOUKRO, Ivory Coast** — U.S. and French troops swooped in before dawn to evacuate Americans and other foreigners from an Ivory Coast city, landing helicopters in rebel territory to rescue nuns, Peace Corps workers and orphans.

West African leaders promised to try to persuade rebels to lay down their arms, but in the meantime said they would put their forces on standby.

The evacuation of 400 people — including 55 Americans — from Korhogo comes as Ivory Coast's government repeatedly threatens an all-out attack to retake it and the larger, central city of Bouake.

## THE MIDDLE EAST

German Man Killed In Saudi Car Bombing

**RIYADH, Saudi Arabia** — A German man was killed in a car explosion in Riyadh, the Saudi capital, German and Saudi officials said.

Police said the victim was a 56-year-old private-sector employee. In Berlin, a Foreign Ministry spokesman confirmed that the victim was a German national.

A preliminary investigation showed that an assailant followed the German's car and detonated the explosive by remote control, a police official said.

There has been a string of car bombings targeting foreigners in the kingdom. Saudi authorities have blamed them on disputes between gangs dealing in alcohol, which is prohibited under Islamic law but is not difficult to obtain.

-Courtesy of the Washington Post

## Miss World Contestants Angered by Stoning Sentence Eight Plan to Boycott Pageant Held in Nigeria

By Ashley Kelly  
Contributing Writer

Spurred by the recent stoning sentence of Nigerian woman, Amina Lawal, several participants of the Miss World Pageant, which Nigeria will host this year, are either threatening to boycott the event or have recently forfeited their position.

The November 30th pageant has already had two contestants from France and Belgium withdraw and contestants from eight other countries are strongly debating if they will compete in the contest.

Miss Botswana is one of only a few contestants that publicly announced that she would attend the pageant, citing that "the sentence was passed by a state court and not the federal government of Nigeria, hence it would be unfair to boycott the pageant and hold the latter responsible for the sentence."

Lawal's case has garnered international

attention and protests from human rights and women's organizations since the Nigerian government sentenced her to death by stoning for conceiving a child out of wedlock. Shari'ah law, which is active in the northern and predominately Muslim part of Nigeria, punishes by amputation and other questionable practices such as stoning executions.

After Lawal lost her appeal case, the Nigerian government said her execution would occur after she had her child in 2004.

Howard University library technician Theresa Nedd said she was glad that people were taking a strong stance against the Nigerian government's decision.

"I think it is good that the contestants are standing up for the women," Nedd said. "Nigeria should not have the pageant if they are planning to stone [Lawal]."

Islamic fundamentalists hinted that they would use the pageant as a venue for protest against the sentencing, which raises safety concerns

among many of the contestants and program organizers.

"[We] will guarantee the rights and security of everyone, including participants and organizers," said Nigerian Minister of State Foreign Affairs, Duben Onyia in an Associated Press article.

One Howard student said that the pageant and its venue should not be thwarted by the controversy.

"I think the pageant is a great event to be held in Nigeria considering that this is one of the first times something like this has been held in [the] country," said sophomore Adia Thomas. "But it does not make sense to me that they can have a celebration of women in one part of the country and condemn them so harshly in another."

Global organizations such as Amnesty International have urged people to write their representative in congress and co-sponsor resolution "H. Con. Res 351", which encourages the disbandment of stoning practices.



Miss Botswana is among the Miss World contestants who is against the stoning sentence

"This judgment is incompatible with the Nigerian constitution," a representative from Amnesty International told The Hilltop. "And also with Nigeria's legal obligations under international human rights law and the African Charter for Human and People Rights."

Another Howard student sided with the contestants.

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ing New Jersey said she had mixed feelings about the plan and its effectiveness.

"What they do now might not change anything. Who says the kidnapper might not change the car he has or cut his hair," she said. "It's not enough information and it may also start racial profiling".

Washington D.C. introduced their own version of the plan last year, coined the D.C. Amber Alert. The criteria, though, does not constitute the criteria of New York's alert. To be considered miss-

ing in D.C. you must be age fifteen or younger and it must be proved that the abductor is still in the Washington area and can be captured before the alert is posted.

Llanos said she wanted to see the alert system used nationally.

"If they don't implement it all around the country, then it's not effective and will put the child's welfare in danger".

Information used for the article came from the <DC Amber Plan.com>, <Criminaljustice.state.NY.amber.htm> and <amberplan.com>

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nology. I heard once a millionaire had a million friends or the equivalent of a few friends who equal a million. Start tracking your associations. How many millionaires do you know? Get around those who you inspire to be; it can be through books, tapes, or maybe even in person. In my whole entire life on earth I've never came across a rich hermit.

## Energy

Work ethic, speed and dependability. Separate efficient work from effective work. Efficient workers' focus is time and output while effective workers only focus on output. The second component is the ability to separate activity from accomplishment or results. Successful people always focus activity and never get deluded by only focusing on results.

## Confidence & Charisma.

Simply put, the greatest downfall on earth is self-doubt. I heard once that there's no such thing as hopeless situations, only hopeless men who grew weary about them."

## Creativity

The greatest use of creativity is to come up with a valuable problem and use ingenuity to solve it. In essence, that is what entrepreneurs do. They find problems and try to solve them. When you find a void in the marketplace and solve it, that's where the fortunes are made.

## The ability to go the extra mile.

I love this form because it's so easy to recognize. My mentor told me if I just did 10% more then I would be a 100% further than the masses. And if I

really want to make a fortune, find out what 97% of the people are doing and do the opposite. The great thing about going the extra mile is that all the lanes are open and they are never crowded. All great entrepreneurs have gone the extra mile.

## Choosing the right location or vehicle.

I believe we all have a hidden genius within us; we just need more self-education to guide us to what were destined to do. I believe my Creator gave me challenges that are gifts, they're just wrapped in bad paper. Therefore, I learned a new way to ask for help.

Instead of asking for fewer problems, ask for more skills. Don't wish it were easier, just ask to be better. Don't wish for fewer challenges, just ask for more wisdom.

"Lastly, I know I only talked about nine forms of wealth and not ten," Kimbro closed. "However, this is now the true test of the entrepreneur, 'What are you going to do about it?'"



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# NEWS

## CONVOCAATION from page A1

soloist Christopher Stewart, rendered the selection "Carmen: Song of the Toreador" before President Swygert introduced the keynote speaker the honorable John Lewis.

Congressman John Lewis received the honoris causa degree of doctor of humane letters.

After a lengthy standing ovation Lewis began his convocation address.

He began by giving history. Born to sharecroppers in Troy Alabama, Lewis had many experiences working on the family farm.

Because he wanted to become a preacher, Congressman Lewis told the audience that he often preached to the chickens.

However, Lewis' message was not simply about the chickens on his farm.

He discussed key issues involving the war in Iraq, and his displeasure over President Bush's attempts to ignore other domestic issues.

"While beating the drums of war, President Bush hopes that we do not hear the victims of Enron, WorldCom and Global Crossing," Lewis said.

"He hopes that we do not hear the cries of the homeless and that we do not hear seniors who cannot afford their medicine."

Lewis also implored students to be the leaders of tomorrow. "Look to your right. Look to your left. Look in the mirror, and you will see the answer to the problems that confront our nation and world," Lewis said. "You will see the leaders of tomorrow."

You can make a difference. You can change the world."

The congressman also discussed the Civil Rights struggle of the past, the fights with Jim Crow, literacy tests, and poll taxes.

He participated in many marches, protests, and freedom rides and described some of situations that early civil rights leaders went through.

"We literally put our bodies on the line," Lewis said. "We used extra legal mean and methods to remove many of the scars, stains, and symbols of racism."

In President Swygert's introduction of John Lewis, he told about Lewis being beaten to the point of unconsciousness and then thrown in jail, all in the name of freedom.

The civil activist told students that it is this generation's turn to make a difference.

"You must do more than spend a little time at the V.I.P and the Dream," implored Lewis. "You must dream dreams and make them real. Your generation must not be content to sit in the stadium of life as observers. Do not accept injustice, inequity, and intolerance. Find a way to get in the way."

As Lewis closed he referenced his Aunt's shotgun house and urged students to remain resolute despite obstacles.

When a thunderstorm came, Lewis and the rest of his siblings stayed in the house to make sure the house did not topple.

"My friends the storms may come. The winds may blow. And rain may beat down on this old house -call it the house of Howard University-

we must never, ever leave the house," Lewis concluded.

Opening convocation encouraged students like Terrica Jennings, a freshman business management major.

"John Lewis taught me that no matter how insignificant you think are, you can make a difference," Jennings said. "As an International student and a freshman, I felt excluded from Howard, but the opening convocation made me feel like I was part of a family."

Many students were required to come to the convocation, but were still interested in the event.

"Even though I had to come, I probably would have come anyway," says Alex Lampkin, member of ROTC. "It is a chance for me to get to know what Howard is really all about."

Faculty and staff also enjoyed Lewis' dynamic message.

"This is my second convocation and I was anxious to see what John Lewis has to say," said Terry Baldwin, interim vice provost for academic affairs.

As the convocation concluded many students were very excited about being a Howard student and being in the Howard family.

The convocation impressed many faculty members like Peggy Valentine Associate Professor of Allied Health.

"I have been here for over twenty years and I thought that this was one of the best convocations that we have ever had," Valentine said. "John Lewis was right to the point, and had a message for everyone."

ings."

The Assembly meets every third Wednesday of the month at the Blackburn Center in the Gallery Lounge. They are usually scheduled for 7:00 p.m.

All meetings are open to the public unless members vote to hold a closed meeting.

including some Ivy League universities, the direct, hands-on approach and genuine friendliness at Howard outweighed other factors and made The Mecca his first choice.

In order to qualify to be a National Achievement Finalist and earn Howard's Laureate scholarship, students first must be U.S. citizens and score in the upper ten percent of national scores on the PSAT.

The National Achievement Scholarship Program is a privately financed academic competition started in 1964 to recognize African-American students. Annually, over 1,200 semifinalists are notified that they qualify as finalists.

Laureate scholarships are automatically offered to National Achievement Finalists who have applied and been offered admission to Howard and have identified Howard as their first choice school. The scholarship covers full tuition, all fees, room & board and a \$950 annual book stipend.

President Swygert has been invited to speak at chapel for the past seven years. This year, he implored Howard University students, friends, family and visitors to never be so low that they can't look up.

## ART from page A1

at Howard, said the dean of the art department Alfred Smith.

"Alexis' talent showcases what the art department has been teaching its students," Smith said.

According to Smith, the University's art department is unique.

"We train students in their majors, but we also make sure they are competent in every other field of art as well."

The dean maintains that Peskine's accomplishment has proven the art depart-



Photos by Amanda Welsh

## Artwork by Alexis Peskine

ment is more than just drawings on scrap paper.

Since the Division of Fine Arts merged with the College of Arts and Sciences in 1996, the art department has been busy making sure Howard students are keeping pace with the changes in art styles.

To this end, the department has begun to implement a program known as Visual Information Design Arts (VIDA).

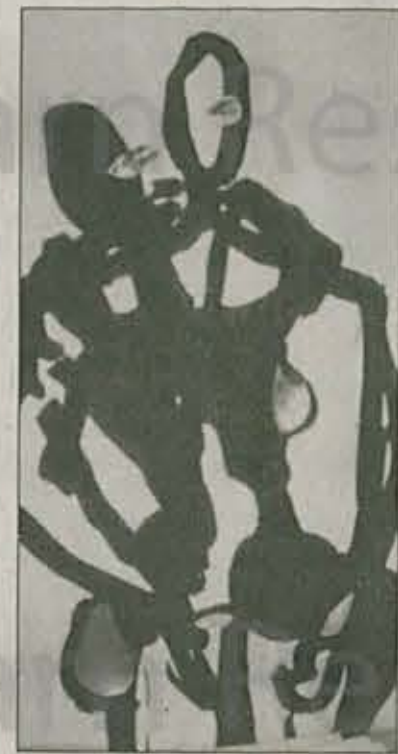
"In theory, VIDA defines the study of visual art and design as research into an emerging global language system composed of image, text, sound and motion," Smith said.

With VIDA and many other high-tech programs,

the department hopes to form a coalition with other schools and colleges across the University. With this coalition, the art department hopes to be able to produce CDs, DVDs, interactive software products, web designs and videos.

Peskine's award package will allow the department to actualize some of these goals.

At an elaborate awards ceremony in New York City, Peskine received an award package that included a \$25,000 grant for the art department and \$1,500 in cash. Norfolk State and University of District of Columbia finished second and third respectively. Another part of the award package is a three-month



## TUNNEL from page A4

The construction of this tunnel will not affect Washington, D.C. residents' taxes because, according to D.C. House of Representatives Delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton, the White House has agreed to "pay all costs if it [the tunnel] proves feasible."

The planning commission's Interagency Security Task Force said that digging a tunnel would be problematic because it would affect the Metro's red line tunnel under Lafayette Square.

Paul Isong, a Silver Spring resident and former employee at Randstand Temp Agency downtown said, "Downtown traffic can use a lot of improvement, so any type of improvement will help." Others disagree.

"D.C. traffic is not an issue with me, I think it's a big waste of money for Bush to consider building a tunnel when there are so many other important things in the world that the money could be put towards," sophomore Solomon Leslie said.

The task force recommend-

ed the use of transportation systems management measures such as better synchronization of traffic signals and enforcement of parking violations, to improve traffic.

In July, the plan was announced to the public and made available for a 60-day comment period in which residents could voice their concerns about the plan. There was also a public meeting on Sept. 4. The final plan will be decided at a meeting this Thursday.

## ASSEMBLY from page A3

dent body," Brown said. "We [General Assembly] can be more effective if students take a more active part in knowing who is representing them and how they're doing their job."

Cornell Williamson, General Assembly chair also endorses the need for stu-

dents to attend the meetings and hold representatives accountable.

"One of the things with General Assembly is that not many students know what we do," Williamson said. "The meetings are kind of long and just not that appealing to many people, but a lot of [important] business gets taken care of at those meet-

## SCHOLAR from page A3

55 students strong."

Sanders-Hawkins said many students at Howard are not designated as National Achievement Scholars because they did not take the PSAT or are international students, but have higher test scores and grade point averages. These students also contribute to the current rising average in scores.

Soraya McDonald, a freshman print journalism major, has known that she wanted to attend Howard since her junior year in high school.

She cites the special hands-on treatment in dealing with registration and housing as being the biggest perks of coming to Howard.

"Howard has bent over backwards to make me feel welcome and help me adjust to college life," McDonald said.

One major reason for the increase in student enrollment is a more concerted effort by the whole recruitment team and the University.

Howard made personal contact with scholarship students sooner than in years past.

The University sends out personalized Christmas Cards to introduce the school to potential students. Throughout the year, Howard hosts an open house, a sleepover and luncheon with President Swygert for the scholars. Some of these changes are due to a new special position in the admissions and recruitment office.

Tonya Guillory has been added to the staff as a special coordinator for National Achievement Scholars and high achieving students.

Prior to Guillory's addition to the staff, Ann Marie Waterman covered the National Achievement scholars as well as other scholarship students and general records in the Admissions department.

"The number of high achieving students and scholarship students has increased so that a specific position was needed to address their needs and concerns," Waterman said. "This way, students will not have as much trouble getting problems solved and there is one mentor that knows the details of their award and requirements."

Laureate scholar, Fred McKindra, said although he was accepted into many other schools

## VERBAL from page A1

Texas native and second year contender "C" got the crowd hyped with his consciousness written rhyme called "This is the Way 'C' Ball" a rendition of Texas rapper Lil Flip's "This is the Way We Ball."

Before his performance, "C" was confident in his abilities and looks forward to the second round where he feels he can do damage.

"I'm not worried at all, 'C' ain't loosing," he said.

Reigning champ and Harlem native Malik saved his verse for last as he took the opportunity to show he hasn't fallen off. He addressed all those who had taken shots at him earlier. Even though Malik was selected to go on to round two he knows he is not a cinch to win the crown.

"I could fall down as easily as anyone else and just being me I ain't taking myself too seriously," he said.

Tennessee native Ardamus was not one of the original 14 finalists chosen by the judges, but was able to get back in the mix after performing a topical freestyle. Emcee's who did not advance past the conscious written segment were given a chance to get back in if they could successfully freestyle about a random object selected by the hosts. Judges selected the best four basing their score on fluidity and if the emcee stayed on topic Bennett said. Also joining Ardamus and the

original 14 finalists will be J 1 S, Baldheaded Dread and Manifest.

Although Bennett feels the event was successful, many of the veteran emcees

## Second Round Finalists

Malik  
Freeze  
Sapphire (new woman)  
Sheba (new woman)  
Chief Roc  
K-Ruckus  
Art  
C  
D-Moss  
Freddie Thumps  
Knowledge (new)  
Quiet Fire (new woman)  
Don Juan  
Ardamus  
J 1 S n  
Baldhead Dread (new)  
Manifest new  
B. Young

the event."

Bennett sees their absence as a possible sign of growth and a chance for new emcees to shine. "I think some people felt that they have been in it [Verbal Armageddon] for a long time and want to pursue other ventures. Others are just too busy," Bennett said.

Verbal Armageddon veteran Geonard Butler who was recently crowned Mr. School of Communications did not participate this year and says he has bigger things on his plate to focus on like the upcoming Mr. Howard Competition.

For Bennett, Verbal Armageddon is like an early version of Russell Simmons' Def Comedy Jam.

"You would tune into the show not because who was hosting or who was on there. You watched it because it's a funny show, and I hope people keep tuning in," Bennett said.

The date and location for the second round has not been set but most likely will be the week before homecoming according to Bennett. And for the first time, Verbal Armageddon will be held off campus he said.

"Initially we were supposed to have the event during homecoming but it was a money issue," he said. "We are looking at various places and universities but we will definitely have a venue. Look for round two either October 10th or 11th."

## SWYGERT from page A1

The choir sung a soul-stirring rendition of "We are Marching to Zion."

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# SPORTS

## BISON BRIEFS

### MEAC FOOTBALL

Delaware St	13
Bucknell	27
Elon	20
N. Carolina A&T	34
Tennessee St	24
Florida A&M	37
Norfolk St	7
Bethune-Cookman	49
Howard	49
Morris Brown	15

### MEAC STANDINGS

1. Florida A&M (2-0, 4-1)
2. Bethune-Cookman (1-0, 5-0)
3. Hampton (1-0, 2-2)
4. South Carolina St (0-0, 3-1)
5. N. Carolina A&T (0-0, 2-2)
6. Norfolk State (0-1, 2-1)
7. Howard (0-1, 2-2)
8. Delaware State (0-1, 2-3)
9. Morgan State (0-1, 1-3)

### MEN'S SOCCER

Howard	3
Delaware	2 (2OT)

### WOMEN'S SOCCER

Howard	1
Binghamton	7

### TENNIS

(at the DC Cup Tournament)

#### Men's results

A-Flight Quarterfinals  
H. Causevic (U Md) def.  
D. Pagan (HU)  
(6-3, 7-5)

B-Flight Doubles Finals  
Hathaway/Claire (GW)  
def. Hall-Bryant/Thomas  
(HU)  
(9-8)

#### Women's results

A-Flight Singles Finals  
T. Okpala (HU) vs. L.  
Gelbulum (G'town)  
Tuesday @ 4:30 pm

B-Flight Doubles Finals  
T. Hazel/Nicole Williford  
(HU) def. L. Gelbulum/S.  
Sutton (G'town)  
8-4

### VOLLEYBALL

Howard	0
Loyola	3
(26-30, 24-30, 28-30)	

**Who are this week's athletes of the week?**

**Turn to B2 to find out**

## Bison's Balanced Attack Ties Down Wolverines

By Aisha Chaney  
Sports Editor

The Bison football team gave their fans much to cheer about Saturday night in Atlanta, as they thrashed the Morris Brown Wolverines, 49-15 in a non-conference match-up before a crowd of 7,324 at Herndon Stadium.

With this important victory, the Bison have improved their record to 2-2 overall and 0-1 in the MEAC, with seven conference games still remaining.

The win snapped a two game losing streak in which the Bison gave up an embarrassing 93 points and scored a measly two touchdowns.

Howard fared much better this time around on both the offensive and defensive ends, with seven different players scoring touchdowns and the defense holding the Wolverines to only 152 total yards and no touchdowns.

The Bison scored touchdowns on five of their first six possessions, which resulted in a 35-0 shut out at the half. They were led by the running game of junior speedster Jay Colbert (14 carries, 90 yards, 1 TD) and senior Tauric Rice (11 carries, 85 yards, 1 TD).

"All of the running backs came together and told each other that we're going to have to run the ball to kill the clock, which would open up a passing game for DC (Donald Clark), and that's what we did," Colbert said.

Equally effective for the Bison was the aerial attack, which started with the leadership and quick decision making of quarterback Donald Clark, who finished the game completing 11 of 19 passes for 156 yards and two touchdowns.

In the past two games, some Howard receivers were having trouble holding on to the ball, but that was no longer the case Saturday night.

Senior sensation Kevin Simmonds caught five passes for 68 yards and one touchdown and junior wide-out Shaun Miller caught three passes for 50 yards

and one touchdown.

"It was lovely to step back and throw the ball and feel confident that our guys would catch the ball," Clark said. "They did a real good job out there."

Morris Brown's only touchdowns of the game were because

in the same quarter, Bison backup quarterback Marcos Moreno fumbled the ball on an option play and Wolverine Montae Walker landed on top of the ball in the end zone for Morris Brown's second and final touchdown of the game.

scored his first touchdown of the season with 26 seconds remaining in the game, to seal the victory for the Bison.

"This was a sweet victory, one we really needed," said Bison Head Coach Ray Petty. "We almost played a complete game.

lineman Mark Owens, who Petty said did an "outstanding job blocking" and freshmen kicker/punter Vaughn Waters, who completed five of six extra points and punted the ball five times for 174 yards.

"He is doing very well for a freshman," Petty said about Waters, who has taken over both the kicking and punting positions since junior punter Rocky Marchesini went down with an injury two weeks ago. "We're putting a lot on him, having him do the punting as well as the place kicking, but he's holding on real good."

Leading the way for Howard defensively were junior defensive back Brian Johnson (6 tackles, 1 for loss) and senior defensive tackle Charles Woodall (5 tackles, 2 for loss).

Senior All-American Linebacker Tracy White and junior free safety Donald Lank each recorded their first interceptions of the season.

Despite losing key defenders Lawrence Joseph and Keith Webber to injuries early on, the Bison defense remained strong and relentless throughout the entire game. Petty said Joseph's knee injury could be season-ending and Webber's status has not yet been determined.

"We sustained a lot of injuries tonight, but the key one was Lawrence Joseph," Petty said. "To lose him at this point in the season, going into all of our conference games, is going to be tough. We're going to have to rely on a couple of freshmen to try to fill that position for us."

The next game for the Bison will be October 12 in Tallahassee, FL against the number one ranked FAMU. Having an extra week off (bye this weekend) will give the players who sustained injuries more time to heal and will give the Bison an opportunity to work on what they need to tighten up in order to prepare for their big game against the Rattlers.



Running back Jay Colbert finished with a touchdown and a career high 90 rushing yards.

Photo by Lawrence Johnson

of errors made by the Bison offense. With 9:17 remaining in the third quarter, Wolverine corner back James Thornton intercepted Clark's pass intended for Miller and ran it back 30-yards, to bring the score to 35-8.

With less than a minute left

The ground attack for the Bison continued in the fourth quarter with freshmen running backs Keon Coleman (9 carries, 57 yards) and Jamar Smith (6 carries, 25 yards, 1 TD) continuing to be a nuisance for Wolverine defenders. Smith

We had moved the ball against some teams, but we really needed to put some points on the board. We went out there and executed and won the game in a dominating fashion."

Other bright spots for the Bison offensively were senior

## Leading the Chant For More Respect, Recognition

By Bernard Murray  
Hilltop Staff Writer

At six o'clock in the morning, the majority of the student body is still asleep. Many of the students that are up early are athletes and ROTC cadets.

One organization makes this early effort but is often overlooked: the Howard cheerleading squad.

"We have a 44-week season spanning from August to April, an eight hour work week, and three and a half hour games regardless of the weather," new head coach Ali Williams said.

Without the single-minded focus that scholarships allow other student-athletes, Williams has to compete with his athletes' other activities, jobs and, most importantly, classes for their time.

This year, Williams said he hopes things will be different. Besides getting the cheerleaders involved in community service, the team hopes to compete in national competitions this year—something that hasn't been done at Howard since 1993.

But like so many things money is an issue for the team.

Even with added training the squad is having trouble reaching its goal making it to the national level because they have not successfully raises enough money.

Funds for the team usually come through sponsors, fundraisers and contributing alumni.

Because cheerleading is not recognized as an official sport, the team is unable to receive funding for its expenses.

Keosha Moon and Kashley Hampton, the two Bison captains, have lobbied Belinda Lightfoot-Watkins, Dean of Student Activities for assistance, but have had not luck, they said.

"It's difficult because we don't get listened to," Hampton said.

In an effort to garner additional support, the cheerleaders expanded their campus activities and visibility throughout the surrounding community.

During the annual Congressional Black Caucus week, which took place in the District in mid-September, the team distributed brochures and escorted visitors at the retirement party for Congresswoman Carrie P. Meek (D-Fla.).

The cheerleaders show dedication; it is appreciation that they fall short of.

Since coming on board, Williams gave the squad a new schedule that includes both a strengthening and cardiovascular workout. Williams also incorporates two to three new stunts a week along with a videotaped practice to ensure crisp transi-

tions in the routine.

As a recent graduate, Williams admits it is difficult to coach and be an authoritarian figure to ladies that he once cheered with.

For the first time, Williams will have his cheerleaders participate in several community service programs in order to bridge the gap between Howard University and the DC community.

They plan to help in soup kitchens this Thanksgiving and are working on two projects to help reach local children. Reading Bison is a program where cheerleaders will go to different local schools and spend time reading with school children.

They also plan to host a camp during the summer months that will allow children interested in cheerleading to register and learn more.

Because they are classified as a student activity, the cheerleading team has their limitations. Without being recognized as a sport by the athletic department, the team cannot offer scholarships and get funding or athletic trainers to meet their needs.

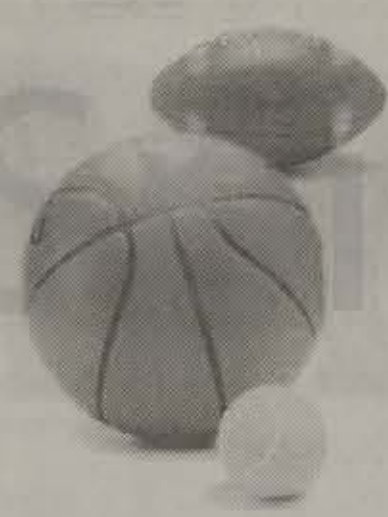
"We're a student activity but we should be considered a sport," Nicole Francis, a junior who is on the cheerleading squad said. "We have two seasons, we also get hurt but we get no respect."



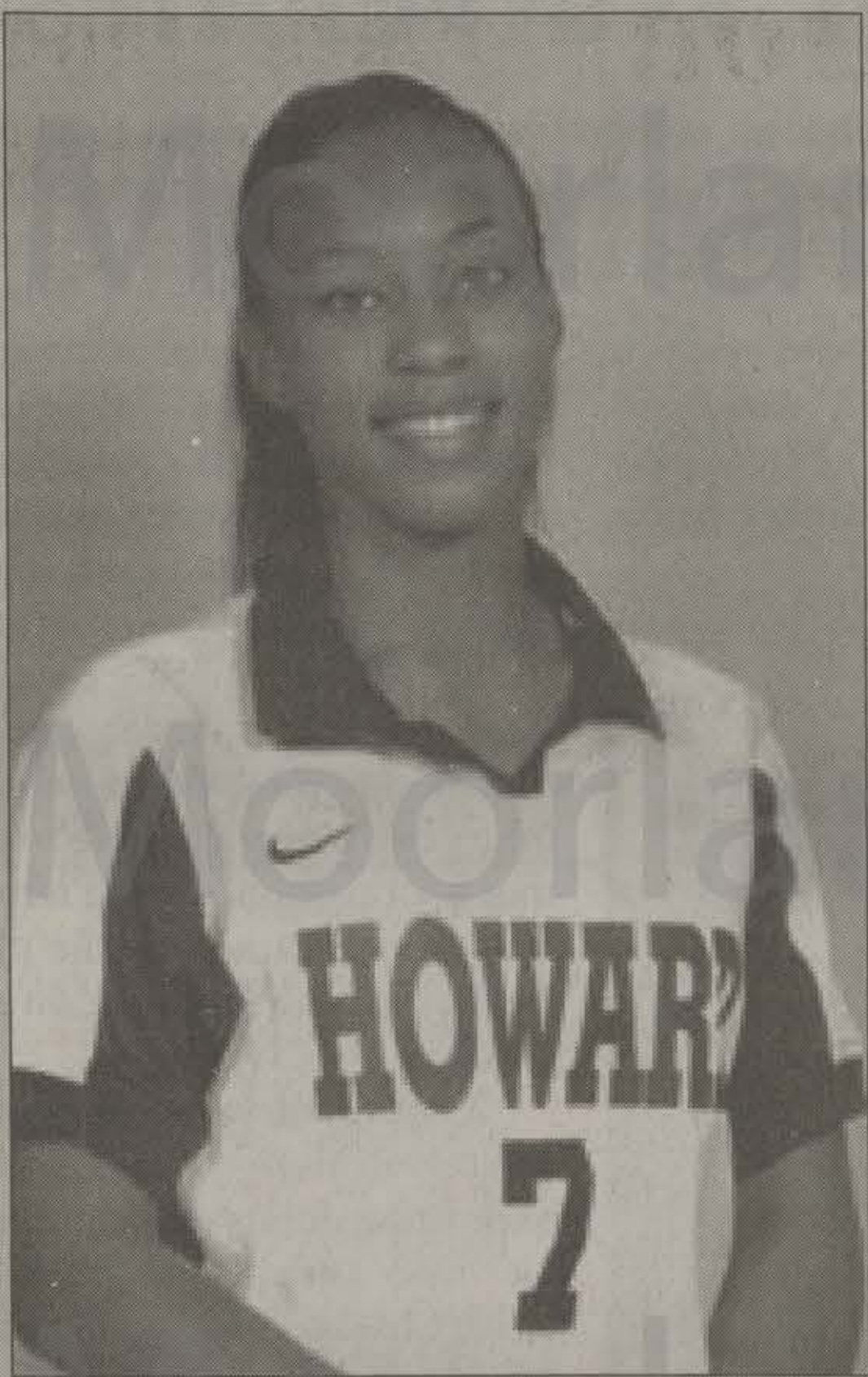
Traici Brockman, in heel stretch, and the rest of the cheerleaders are fighting for more recognition.

Photo by Dana Williams





# SPORTS



## Mercedes Posey

**Sport:** Volleyball  
**Height:** 5'10"  
**Position:** Outside Hitter  
**Classification:** Freshman  
**Hometown:** Arlington, Tx.

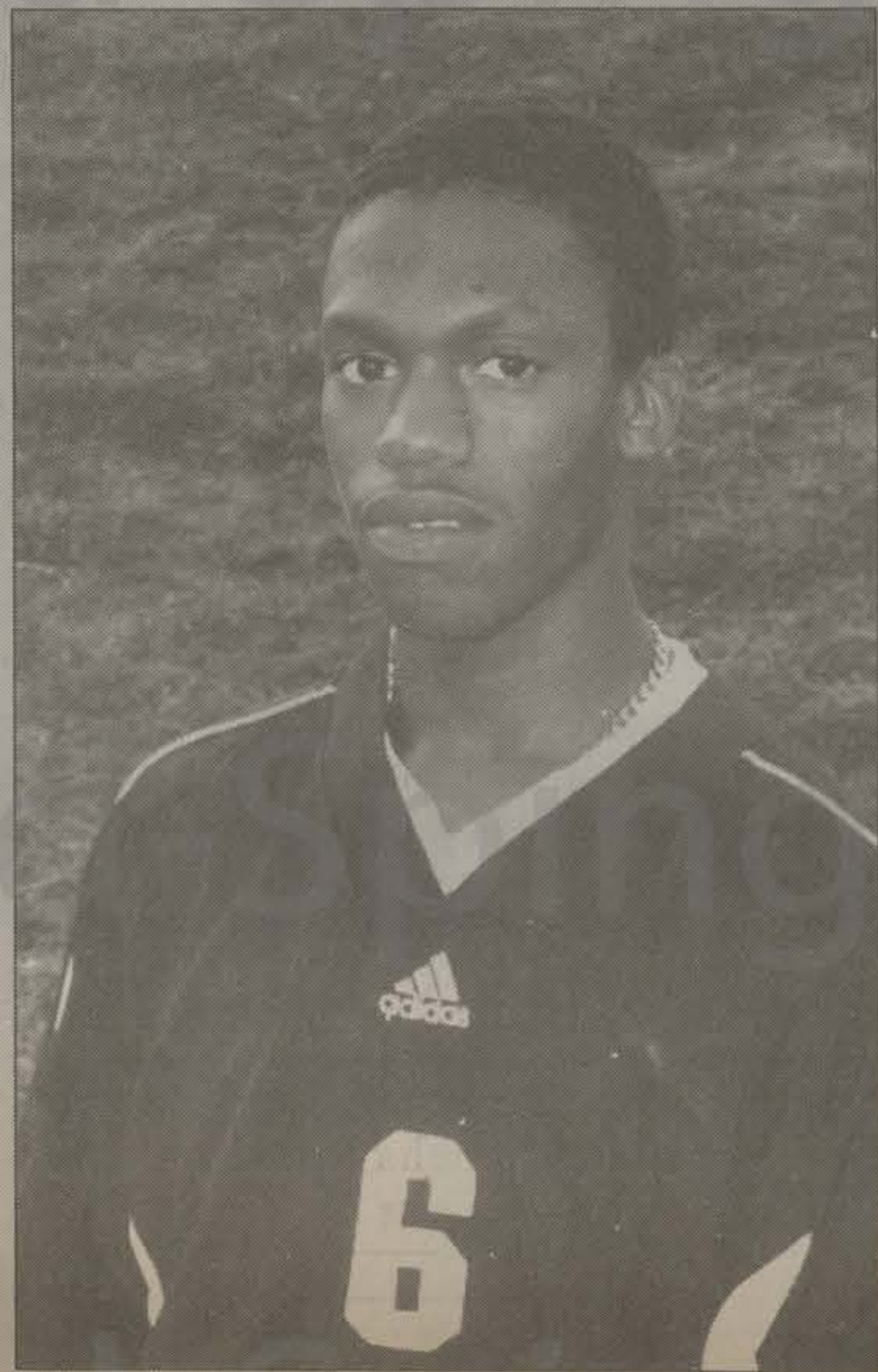
Posey recorded 20 kills, 22 digs and four block assists in two matches this week. The MEAC Rookie of the Week, Posey is currently second on the team in kills with 98.

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

## Hugh Harvey

**Sport:** Soccer  
**Height:** 5'6"  
**Position:** Midfielder  
**Classification:** Sophomore  
**Hometown:** Silver Spring, Md.

Harvey scored the game-winning goal 6:45 minutes into the second overtime period this Saturday against Delaware.



## Volleyball Bumped Out by Loyola at Home

*Loss ends non-conference season on a sour note*

**By Ethan Zagore**  
Hilltop Staff Writer

In their last non-conference game of the season, the Lady Bison volleyball team was defeated 3-0 (26-30, 24-30, 28-30) by Loyola College Thursday night. With the loss, the Lady Bison fell to 4-13 overall with all remaining games against conference opponents. Although Loyola swept the match, all three games were very close down the last point of the third game.

The first game went back and forth with Loyola coming out extremely aggressive on the road. The Greyhounds recorded 15 kills in the first game, but the Lady Bison held on defensively coming up with many big digs and 10 kills off their own. However, as the game went down to the wire,

Loyola pulled away behind the play of Becky Corb (14 kills) and Mary Hamsher (14 kills) and captured the game 30-26.

Both teams tried to establish themselves early in the second game tying the game up at 5 points apiece. Setter Brittany Williams (30 assists, 10 digs) continued to set her teammates for kill after kill, however Loyola pulled away once again and led 15-10 halfway through the game. Freshman Mercedes Posey (10 kills, 11 digs) helped the Lady Bison stay in the game, but the Greyhounds continued their fine play and jumped ahead to a big lead six point lead 28-22. The Lady Bison managed to score 2 more points but fell 24-30.

The third and final game was just as close as the other two with the score

being knotted at six a few minutes into the game. Loyola's setter Krystal Biegaj (42 assists) set up her teammates time after time for kills. Although Howard did block many attempts (junior Jerri Hayes led the team in blocks with 8), Loyola kept their poise and stayed in the game. The Greyhounds jumped ahead 20-16 and looked as if they would take the third game and the match. Nevertheless the Bison fought hard and rallied back to tie the game at 28. However, a close call against Howard hurt the cause and Loyola went on to take the last game 30-28.

The Lady Bison begin an extremely important part of their schedule Friday night when they take on North Carolina A&T University at home in a conference match-up.

## Cross-Country Takes Delaware Meet

**By Jonathan Davis**  
Contributing Writer

The Cross-Country squads took a big leap forward this Saturday at the Mid-Del Invitational in Felton, Del., with the men's team landing second place in the overall standings and the women's team winning the meet.

On the men's side senior Troy McArthur, sophomores Gerald Bright, Leon Snyder and Juma Osman finished in the top fifteen, to boost the Bison to second in the meet overall.

The entire women's squad finished in the top fifteen with freshman Ashley Vann leading the way. Vann,

who has placed in the top 20 of each of the team's four meets this season, was the individual winner of the meet with a time of just over 20 minutes. The team will compete next weekend in the George Mason Invitational in Centreville, Va.

## Lady Strikers Topple Coppin, Delaware; Fall to Morgan State Over Weekend

**By Melanie Clarke**  
Contributing Writer

Howard's bowling team went 2 for 3 at the MEAC North Division Conference in Columbia, Maryland this weekend. The strikers scored an 814 average to rest fourth in the conference standings so far this season.

On Saturday, the strikers held it down against Coppin and Delaware State, winning three games 826, 886 and 801 respectively.

Sophomore Kim Williams was the leading scorer for the weekend with 615 on Saturday and 631 on Sunday. The numbers were another boost to her confidence, which is much stronger in this, her sophomore season. "I feel good. I'm proud of myself," Williams said.

On Sunday, the Lady Strikers had an uphill battle against Morgan State, who stood second in the rankings after Saturday's competition. Clarissa Maddox shot a 608, winning all of her matches on the day facing what she felt

was good competition. "I loved the experience...It was one of the more competitive ones we've had since we've been here," Maddox said.

After losing the first game 831-882, Howard made a run to take it all home in the second game. Devin Dufanchard got it started when she had only 3 pins down but converted for the spare. Williams followed with a strike and Lillibeth Jones toppled 9 pins. Morgan countered with spare and back-to-back strikes.

Maddox shot a spare followed by a strike from Shawntia Alexander. In the last five frames, Howard pulled within ten points of Morgan, who would not go down without a fight, shooting four more strikes and a spare.

The smell of victory proved very tempting, bringing three strikes and four spares from Howard for a 967-956 win. Howard would not be able to hold on in the third game, however, dropping for a 911-873 loss.

Team captain Lillibeth Jones was especially proud of Alexander, a right-hander who had been throwing a "backup ball," which hooks in a backwards direction, until two weeks ago. Extra work with instructor Bob Pendergraft shifted her toss into a normal hook and her game improved nearly 30 points to a 191 on Sunday. "I don't think people realize how difficult a change that is," she remarked of her teammate's effort.

Coach Curtis Butler attributed the wins this weekend to the team's spirited nature. He realizes that the level of competition has improved dramatically in the past year, remarking that "[t]he league is basically the strongest I've ever seen."

From their current position, he expects his team definitely has the ability to move up a notch or two in the standings as the season progresses. "They get very competitive," Butler said.

## Bison Grind Out OT Victory

**By Justin Groves**  
Contributing Writer

This past Saturday, the Howard Bison men's soccer team made the journey up to Newark, Delaware for a non-conference match-up against the University of Delaware Blue Hens. The Bison came into this game seeking a much-needed win, so as to improve upon their overall record of 1-7-0. So said, so done, as the Howard Bison team rallied to defeat the University of Delaware in an exciting 3-2 overtime victory.

Confidence was running high in the Bison camp according to team captain Michael Gbolagah. "We have worked on making some improvements to our game, both defensively and offensively, and this should give us the upper hand in Saturday's match", said Gbolagah prior to the game. He also commented on the fact that the team had finally gelled together and showed no apparent weaknesses. "The mid-field unit and goalkeeper will play intricate roles," said Gbolagah, "but a team effort is what will ultimately win the game."

Senior mid-fielder Dave Mitchell put Howard ahead in the first half when he outraced the Blue Hen defense for a spectacular breakaway

goal. Midway through the second half, junior defender Brian Woodward slotted another one home for the Bison by converting a well delivered cross from mid-fielder Kwesi Graham, putting the Bison up 2-0.

With 88:31 gone in the match, the opposing team won a penalty, which forward Mike Honeysett drilled

front of the Bison goal before freshman forward Mike Rakowski put it away to square the match at 2-2. Nevertheless, the Bison remained focus and regrouped to start overtime in an explosive fashion. This paid off, as 6:45 into the second overtime, sophomore midfielder Hugh Harvey sealed the deal and closed the coffin on the Delaware team as he buried the winning goal in the back of the net.

Although the Howard team dominated and controlled more of the ball possession, they took fewer shots (6) than the Delaware team (13). The defensive unit played a well-rounded game, despite the last five minutes of regulation. As the game wore on, the defense's fatigue showed, having contended throughout the match with a strong Delaware offense. Freshman goaltender Jason Williams collected 5 saves

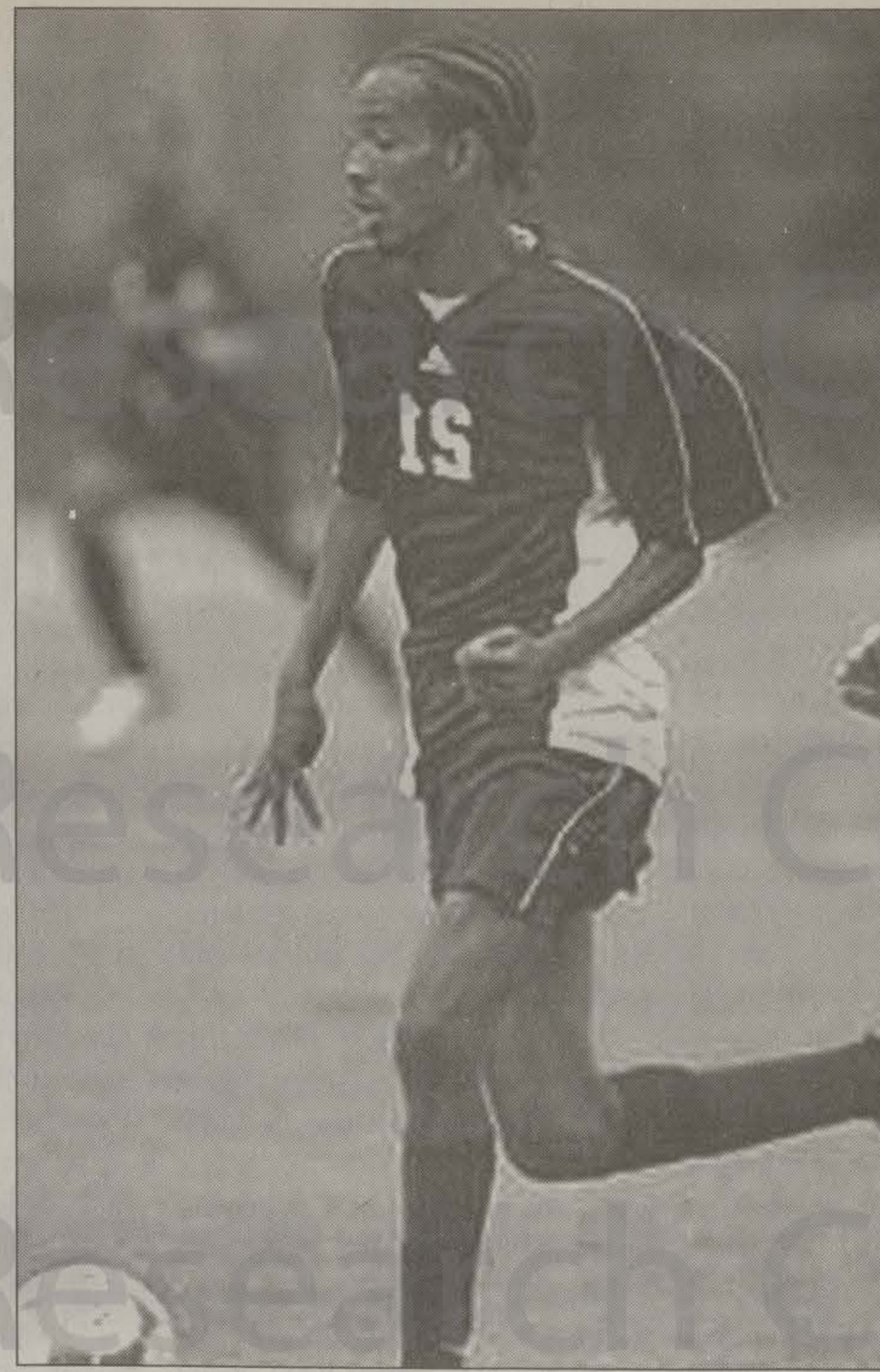


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Senior midfielder Dave Mitchell put the Bison on the board first in the see-saw contest.

past goalkeeper Jason Williams to finally put them on the board. Twenty four (24) seconds before the end of regulation, the Delaware goalkeeper took a free kick which was batted around in

on the day.

The Bison (2-7) return to action this Wednesday as they face off against Drexel University, 7p.m. at Greene Stadium.

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# Life & Style

## Is It Just Me? The HU Silent Treatment

By Meredith Moore  
Contributing Writer

I am from a little Midwest City known as Minneapolis where everyone knows your name. Literally. So I was taught to speak to people. Even strangers. Speaking to people does not mean having a conversation, it just means acknowledging the person on the street. Saying "Hi," "Good morning" or "How ya doing?"

It is polite, welcoming, kind, and encouraging.

It is a sign of class and community.

So why, on a daily basis do Howard students silently walk past each other on the yard, the valley, or in Blackburn? Why do we look the other way to avoid having to say anything? It seems to be in the Howard code. I am not sure if people think they are too good to speak. Or feel that you are speaking because of some unseen motivation but is it so hard to believe that some of us believe that Howard is our home, and as family the least we can do is say hey?

Now I'd be lying if I said I spoke to every person on the street or even on the campus. It's unrealistic and silly to even attempt. But too often I find myself fiddling with my cell phone or keys to avoid saying hello. Even looking off into the distance to avoid eye contact.

Even in the dormitories. Personally, I don't even know my next-door neighbors name. And that's my fault. But for some reason, that is acceptable here. It is our culture. We are afraid to step outside the comfort zone of the people we mingle with regularly.

For what? What is the worst that can happen when you speak?

I've found that when I do speak I get one of four responses:

People respond appropriately

They nervously ignore you like you are going to ask for something

People want to have a long conversation and tell you all their business or someone else's.

OR the opposite sex feels that it's an indication of some deep unconscious desire.

Everyone on the campus is somebody special that's how you got here but will it hurt you to take a second out of your strut across campus to recognize another?

There is definitely no need to be superficial, but in general everyone is worth a hello or nod of recognition. Save the silent treatment for a serious offense.

Even at the Howard-Hampton game, I saw Howard students in the city who couldn't muster up the energy to say what's up!

It is not everyone. The Midwest all seems to greet with a smile. Down South is more than happy to give you a "morn-ing" or "sup". So the problem seems to be with the coasts. But in my experience even my acquaintances from the east coast find themselves ignoring the world on a daily basis. The East coast is overall too dollar and business oriented to care about anybody who can't immediately make them money.

Can't we all just get along? I know we all have bad days but on the good ones just make a conscious effort to make eye contact. At the very least SMILE. You never know.

And like the song says "When you smile, the whole world smiles with you."

## A Lesson In the 'Rules of Attraction'

LaVaughn Erskine  
Contributing Writer

Lions Gate Films presents a sordid tale of college co-eds trying to get laid and get high. Though similar to its many predecessors such as "Boys and Girls," "American Pie 2" and "Van Wilder," "The Rules of Attraction" pushes the envelope far beyond conventional comedy and dark satire.

Director and screenwriter Roger Avary, who co-wrote "Pulp Fiction," takes actors completely out of the roles Hollywood has become comfortable with typecasting them in, and pushes them through the alternate-reality mirror. We get to see the headliners in atypical situations.

"Dawson's Creek" goodie James Van Der Beek is a hard-drinking, womanizing, drug dealer and "7th Heaven's" Jessica Biel plays a nonchalantly promiscuous, casual coke-head party girl who thinks using two condoms during sex doubles the safety. Also, Shannyn Sossamon, best known from "A Knight's Tale," sheds her royal virtue to portray a struggling virgin who uses grotesque visuals of STD symptoms to keep herself in line.

An added bonus is Fred Savage of the "The Wonder Years" fame. Though he plays a minor role in the film, it is memorable to see him as a socially-challenged



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drug addict with a fragmented personality. He's a far cry from the "Kevin" some of us grew up with.

The setting is an affluent New England liberal arts college in the 1980s, though it doesn't really look like the eighties. The rich run rampant, the popular exist to party and the not-so-fortunate go unnoticed until it's too late.

In typical pulp-fictionesque tradition, Avary spins a

lewd and lurid cycle of melodrama that showcases everything college life can contain, from the mundane to the extreme. With stunning visuals, precisely detailed narratives and the point-blank imagery he and Quentin Tarantino are known for, he explores themes of sexuality, substance abuse and suicide and the rationale for related co-ed behavior. Expect to see anxious and

conversely disappointed lovers irrespective of sexual orientation, and scenes you absolutely never thought you'd see. All this is superbly choreographed making extra use of deviating camera angles, split-screen, rewinding images and freeze frames reminiscent of the cinematics used in popular video games.

"The Rules of Attraction," needless to say, breaks all the rules. It starts with a symphonic synopsis of the characters that gives viewers a summary of their respective personalities and the particular situations in which these personalities lead them.

The movie itself is a flashback proliferated with sex, violence, smoking, snorting, drinking, criminal elements, and my personal favorite, authentic displays of Jamaican "curse words" and colloquialisms that connect the beginning to the end. The rules are raw, crude messages about life. The attraction is the graphic, sometimes disturbing, storytelling of Roger Avary. If nothing else, the movie had a firm grasp on my attention span all the way to the credits.

Before watching, and I suggest you do, remember one thing: No one ever really "knows" anyone else.

## Black Handz Entertainment

By Shaunice Alston  
Contributing Writer

Erroll Paden, a 1994 graduate of University of Maryland at College Park, is the Founder, President, and CEO of Black Handz Entertainment. He is also a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. Even though Paden earned his degree in Economics, he has strayed from his planned career to help African-Americans be seen in a positive light.

Paden has always known that he was creative. He found himself listening to the wrong people and began developing himself in other peoples' images and not his own. Getting involved with Tag Team, Paden said, allowed him to get back to who he truly was and realize what it was that he wanted to do.

Tag Team is one of the top leisure organizations in the business arena. Paden has been a part of Tag Team for approximately six years now. Tag Team is an organization that allows African-American business professionals all over the country to learn how to build successful businesses.

The focus for Black Handz came about through Paden's connection with Tag Team Marketing. Tag Team allowed Paden to witness networking, respect, love and care in black businesses. This inspired him to think about what would happen if these same qualities could be transferred and seen through different aspects of the media.

"Black Handz is a company that works as a team," Paden said. "Brothers and sisters work collectively to support African Americans working together and experiencing more in the media realm."

The focus of Black Handz entertainment is to promote positive images through media. People who know about Black Handz Entertainment rally behind its focus and ideals. "The representations of African Americans in the media are not true representations of the community and its culture," Paden said. "I believe that Black Handz is the answer." Black Handz Entertainment includes film, television and music production, networking sources and more.

Black Handz Entertainment has a media event called ACT'N UP, which allows African Americans in television, film, stage and music to network. This is a monthly event that allows new people in the entertainment world to get started by getting work released in the mainstream media. Even though ACT'N UP is only in the D.C. area, Paden plans to expand to New York, Detroit, and many other places. The next ACT'N UP networking event will be held October 21.

In the television arena, Black Handz is trying to launch its own television channel entitled BHE Television, which they hope to air in 2003. BHE will ultimately portray the positive aspects of African-American community and the culture.

"Positive things that are not on television and should be will be aired on BHE," See HANDZ page B5



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see a stigma with going to the writing center, but now the writing department is making it more of a requirement," Winters said.

"We put up sign for students to come in, but they don't look into the importance of the

writing center," Lewis said.

The hours for the writing center in room 100 of Locke Hall are Monday and Thursday 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Tuesday and Friday 10:00 to 1:00 p.m. and Wednesday 11-5p.m.

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Paden said. "This would be such a powerful and much needed change in the media industry to bring into the community."

Along with ACT'N UP, Black Handz Entertainment hosts other events. One major event is the Black Vendors Showcase, which is held twice

a year. The showcase spotlights and features black companies. The second showcase will be held around the holidays so that people may get a chance to veer away from purchasing mainstream artifacts and support the African-American community.

Paden has also done business with the Howard com-

munity before. Last year, he held the first Tag Team black business seminar at the School of Business. The possibility of other seminars and workshops are being considered so that a connection between the Howard community and the African-American media can be reinforced.

## *A New Era*



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## The World's Loan Shark

The IMF and World Bank meetings have just taken place in the District of Columbia. This year was no different than any other. Protesters filled the streets to rally against the lending policies of the World Bank while many DC residents simply complained of the traffic hold ups the rallies were causing.

For those of you who may be unfamiliar, the IMF (International Monetary Fund) and World Bank is a mega conglomerate of nations who in essence place their money into one big pot and operate similar to a bank or lending company. Except, this bank lends billions and to entire countries-not individuals. As with any other bank, they have policies and procedures on lending and loan repayment.

However, there is another side and seeming ulterior motive to what the IMF and World Bank does. Part of the responsibility of borrowers is to adopt the economic and governmental policies of the IMF and World Bank. These policies sometimes end up putting poorer countries into worse economic situations and leave them with overwhelming debt.

Some of the countries hardest hit by these policies and interest rates are African

countries. On one hand you have World Bank/IMF position that poses that their policies are that of most banks and borrowers are not limited to them for lending. On the other hand, you have starving third world countries who must have the money to aid impoverished, starving and diseased citizens.

Every year protesters cause all kinds of havoc in DC around

ing to work with those countries that cannot afford the steep interest rates or endure the economic policy changes the Bank mandates.

It is one thing to be an "equal lender" and another to be a world conglomerate instituting legal loan sharking and political manipulation.

The Hilltop does not support any particular group protesting the IMF/World Bank, nor do we endorse the way in which many protesters have shown their disapproval. However, we do side with the position of most protesters and hope that Howard students will become more aware of the IMF/World Bank.

The IMF/World Bank issue is one that touches many African countries and other third world countries. While some students from other universities line up with protesters, many others sadly sit on the sideline ignorant of the issue and unwilling to learn about the IMF/World Bank.

As "Leaders for America and the Global Community," Howard students should be aware of reasons behind the events taking place blocks from campus.

### OUR VIEW

*It is one thing for the IMF and World Bank to be an "equal lender" and another to be a world conglomerate instituting legal loan sharking.*

the IMF/World Bank meetings. Opposition to the IMF/World Bank have shown that third world countries who have borrowed money and adopted World Bank policies have had more problems paying the money back and dealing with the policies than before they borrowed the billions from IMF/World Bank.

In dealing with African and other third-world nations, it is important to remember how the poor of one country ultimately affect other nations. IMF/World Bank must be more understanding and will-

## Shielding the Constitution

In the last edition of The Hilltop, the Christian Dorsey debacle with the Policy Board was reported. Election results were held until the Policy Board decided how to respond to the complaint made by Dorsey. According to Dorsey and the Special Elections Chairman, Corey Cunningham, Mr. Dorsey's name was removed from the Arts & Sciences Executive Vice-President ballot hours before the election last Tuesday. Dorsey's name was removed by order of the Policy Board with no advance notice.

The way in which Mr. Dorsey was informed was unacceptable. If the Policy Board was to make this decision, there should have been a better way to inform Mr. Dorsey before the election day.

According to the Policy Board, the Special Election was done to rectify an error with the omission of two names on the ballot during run-offs. This

Special Election was to merely resolve the issue between the two original run-off candidates.

The general idea of the Special Election was to make up for an error previously committed on behalf of the University. In seeking to remedy one problem, the Policy Board encour-

### OUR VIEW

*The Hilltop agrees with the Policy Board in rejecting additional names to be added to the Special Elections ballot.*

tered Mr. Dorsey's complaint.

While we do agree with Dorsey and Cunningham that the HUSA Constitution does provide for other candidates during Special Elections, we agree with the Policy Board's decision to restrict the Special Election to the original candidates.

Through a "loose" interpretation of the Constitution, the Policy Board made the executive decision. We support the Policy Board in keeping with the real issue of the Special Election (the run-off) and rejecting those issues that may have confused the election process more. If the Policy Board were to allow such literal interpretations of the HUSA Constitution, the purposes for which the policies serve would be compromised.

What we don't want to happen is a slue of complaints to be filed through Constitutional "loopholes." In order to protect the integrity of the HUSA Constitution, the Policy Board made the best decision by not allowing Mr. Dorsey's name to be added to the Special Election ballot for the College of Arts & Sciences.



## Point of Clarification

In the September 17th issue of The Hilltop, an editorial entitled, "What Are We Marching For," sparked much debate. Jesse Jackson made reference to the editorial in his Chapel address. Other prominent members of the University community have made references to the question posed by the editorial in large public forums. It is in this light that the Editorial Board feels a need to respond.

Our editorial did not attack the theme, plan or movement of any march. Instead, the editorial addressed the growing apathy associated with marches and asked that a new form of protest be established in order to be most effective. We believe that Black America now has the ability to make mass appeals to public policy through more effective and direct means.

Specifically, our editorial stated, "Black America has become aloof to the idea of marching anywhere for anything-and for good reason. From the past five marches, what has come

out of them? What planned outcomes for the future success have arisen? If the answer is none, why are we trying the same thing time and time again?"

The editorial asked that Black America and its leaders develop better "plans of attack" against

clear that Jesse Jackson and others mistook the title of the editorial as a question to the "cause" and not the issue. Clearly, if the editorial was read in its entirety, it adequately builds an argument against marching as a tactic to gain civil rights in today's society.

We, as an Editorial Board, wholeheartedly stick to the sentiment our editorial expressed. While Jesse Jackson and campus leaders answered questions of why marches traditionally took place and reminded us that there are struggles that Black

America is still facing, none of the comments dealt with the heart of our issue or even our stance.

As we have said, "African-American leaders need to rally their constituents with more than just a march idea. Black America now needs a plan, a plan that will solve our problems and settle our issues without having to march anywhere."

On the face of things, it is

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# PERSPECTIVES

## Where You're From



Brandon A. Miller

Three words, one question. Its asked within the first 30 seconds of meeting someone and its usually asked grammatically incorrect without giving it a second thought-I even do it myself- "Where you from?"

The answer always carries a connotation whether positive or negative. If you're from New York or New Jersey, you are aggressive, rude and have a penchant for fighting. In California everything is "hella" good while you wear Dickies and corduroy slippers. You're from New Orleans? The all you know is gold fronts, Reebok Classics and Cash Money. While a person's hometown is an integral part of their life, it doesn't-or shouldn't-define who they are.

"Where you from" is a sensitive topic on campus and I believe if HUSA sponsored a debate about it, there would be more people in attendance than the Speak Outs and it would definitely be more heated. I've seen people stay up until the wee hours of the morning shouting at the top of their lungs comparing the differences between their cities and even arguing whose slang and style is correct. I don't even know why these discussions still exist. There have been near riots and fights in the club over "where you from". No matter your hometown, it is a must that you represent it to the fullest.

So please, let me now represent for myself. I'm from Chicago-south side to be exact-commonly known as the "Chi" and I make no doubt about it. I guess all I know is gangs, pimping, wind and footwork. The funny thing is, I've only been in Chicago approximately six months over the past three years. Excluding my internship in Texas the summer of 2001, the abundance of my times has been spent in the area. Since my arrival, I've been influence by people from across the entire world.

And isn't that part of the reason we came to the Mecca? Aside from getting a diploma, meeting new people and experiencing new things should've been at the top of every college freshman's "to do" list. I know it was at the top of mine. But many have come to Howard and refused to open their minds to accept anything different. The world is much bigger than the block you grew up on or your entire hometown. There are countless other places in the world, how about trying to experience one?

These interactions with people from different parts of the globe haven't made me an entirely different person. If anything, it has made me more versatile and expanded my horizons. Anyone who knows me can attest that is a hard task in itself. But I can still go back to the Chi and communicate without any difficulties. I was there for 17 very formidable years of my life. I will never forget any of those years, but only use that knowledge to further my progress in life. Because every time I open my mouth, I represent my city to the fullest.

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## Systemic Neglect in Founder's Library and the Undergraduate Library

As we approach our sixth week in the academic school year, graduate and undergraduate students alike, are making valiant efforts to conduct sound scholarly research. Before one can participate in such academic endeavors in the Founders Library and Undergraduate Library (UGL) respectively, there need to be a revamping or restructuring of the priorities as it relates both the libraries.

If the library is supposed to represent the intellectual center of any university, then our center is lacking and not representative of the illustrious Howard University legacy. In fact, it is downright disrespectful that this type of systemic neglect has been allowed to go on for years.

With that in mind, I am addressing this to the University President, the Director of the Library, the Friends of the Library, and any other university administrator with the courage and ability to make sound and immediate changes as you are paid to do.

From the last time I checked, all (yes, I mean all whether you like it or not) of the University Administrators work for the students, and not the other way around. I make this statement primarily because of many of our so-called university leaders may have somehow forgot this. Remember! Without Howard University students, you would not have a job.

First, in the Founders Library, there seems to be a lack of adequate computer technology. Most of the computer terminals are excessively slow due to the 32MB hard drives and in most cases the computer terminals are not operable. I am quite sure that many out there (students and administrators) will say that this is why we have the iLab. This may be true to some extent, but shouldn't the library have comparable computer technology as well.

Considering that Howard University

students pay a technology fee, one would assume that some of this revenue would be directed to the Founders Library.

Second, before one even attempts to conduct scholarly research in Founders and the UGL, the environment must be conducive as well. All the computers should be cleaned externally (monitors, wires, and keyboards), the carpets should be thoroughly shampooed, all of the floors should be stripped, waxed, and buffed to a high shine (President Swygert, don't your floors shine in your building?), and the brass and all metals should be properly cleaned.

We must also keep in mind that when one sets high standards for its staff and employees, one must equally offer fare and adequate compensation respectively.

I hope that after reading my Op-ed piece it will illicit a twofold response: 1) that resources from University Officials will be earmarked immediately to rectify these problems; and 2) the Howard University students will stop being apathetic as it relates to their overall educational attainment and not accept less than you are supposed to have. This clearly means that if your respective department is woefully lacking in any capacity, then you should assemble your classmates and address these concerns to appropriate officials (student leaders, department chairs, or university administrators).

If Howard University has high expectations of all its students, then it should have comparable expectations as it relates to the maintenance of all its facilities as well. For those who may dissent, I will give you a personal tour and show you myself exactly what I am talking about.

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## Response to "Open Up Oh Feminine Mind"

Danielle Scruggs

If I hear one more guy say women only want thugs, I will scream until my throat is hoarse and raw. This is addressed to Marcus Bird, author of the rather disturbing "Open Up Oh Feminine Mind" from last week's Perspectives section.

Dude, unless you have surveyed every single woman on the planet and all of them told you, "Yeah, the only kind of guy I want is an abusive, hard-core baggy pants wearing, gold teeth having thug" there might be something to your line of thinking. But since you haven't, stop making such brash generalizations!

So what if you can't pull any women? It doesn't mean we're part of some secret conspiracy to embarrass the hell out of you nor does it mean we're going to run off with the neighborhood crack dealer.

Did you ever stop to think that maybe there's something unappealing about your personality that you refuse to admit to? Ask yourself why you seem to be attracting women who supposedly disrespect you so badly. Or maybe you just need to pop some Tic-Tacs the next time you try to "holla" at someone. Perhaps you just aren't certain women's type, which is OK! You don't have to be liked by everyone.

Now I won't even lie and say I've never been attracted to the "bad boy" type. Of course I have. People are attracted to danger, to the mysterious, to the unknown. That's just how it is. But to say that's the ONLY type of man a woman is attracted to just because you couldn't get some lady's phone number at 2K9 is ridiculous!

My advice, Marcus Bird, is to cheer up. The problem isn't that all women want thugs. The problem is you haven't met the right woman for you. I believe there's someone for everyone even if they talk a lot of nonsense sometimes. Until that day comes, just remember that bitterness and resentment have never been considered attractive.

## 'To be or not to be?' How about being real?

Aarin Williams

Okay, I will admit a nice looking guy attracts my eye. As I am sure most of the women walking around the yard in stilettos and revealing tops, receive head nods, exchanges of elbows between buddies, and the most common and my personal favorite, the "waitafter-shepassesbackthatassupglance".

Furthermore, let's be even more honest by saying that yeah a lot of women are going to dismiss you if you are not dressed the way they want, or if you are not driving a nice car. And yes, most women do share their "Hey shawty/baby" stories amongst each other- but that's natural; besides all men are not perfect either.

As the author of the article "Open Up Oh Feminine Mind," Marcus Bird stated about pretty females being overly conceited; I agree because physical beauty is often very much overrated, but we cannot forget some of the "pretty boys" we know as well.

I decided to respond to the previous article because there is the misguided generalization that all women want a man who has "bad teeth, a funny walk and jeans hanging off their ass." I pray to the Lord above that no woman came, or comes to Howard University to find anyone that only fits that description, or better yet just to find a man--and that also goes for the opposite sex. But men, Mr. Bird had a valid point when he said that "Mr. Thug" comes into the relationship showing the good and the bad sides of himself- that sounds like a proposal many people should apply in their daily life.

More importantly, I find it hard to believe that it is difficult to find a woman wanting a sensible yet spontaneous, sensitive yet strong, intelligent but not an arrogant, God-fearing MAN. What's the ratio at HU- one many for every seventeen women?

So little boys, please be upfront with everyone and if you are not mature enough to be truthful, or are not equipped (take that however you would like) enough to stick around, let your sisters know. Given that at the end of the day every boot wall pigeon, library mole, Drew rat are someone's sisters, daughters, future mothers, lawyers, teachers, and overall leaders.

To set the record straight, anyone that has ever been in a nightclub knows women have it much harder than ten men combined. We have to look cute, ward off unwanted attention, (because contrary to popular belief, grabbing a woman's anything should not lead to anything more than a quick dance or roll of the eyes) have fun, make sure our drinks are not tainted, watch out for Timbs and hopefully get home safely. What do the fellas have to do? Stand against a wall and let girls dance between their legs- that sounds hard to do every night.

Chivalry is not dead, just asleep. I hope most women will agree with me when I say that the little things are what truly count. Of course a nice dinner and a present are great, but I have to have a man who opens doors, lightly grabs my elbow/waist/hand when crossing the street, pulls out chairs, and never lets me or other women stand while he sits.

So, sorry to tell you Mr. Bird, not all women want what you described as a thug. The majority of females want respect, the ability to love ourselves and each other without worrying about living up to video and magazine girls, or even the girl from last night. Because we are at Howard University-you are surrounded by Queens.

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No, it's just comedy and should be viewed as entertainment.	47%
I'm not sure, I haven't seen the movie.	6%



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--Lisha

Kindle,

I can't believe you are leaving us. We'll miss you down here, but don't get your head all swelled up.

Now, just finish your TWO weeks and get the hell out of here!

--Lauren

(I hope you know you are not getting rid of me that easily.)

TO: JONATHAN "DISH-MASTER" GRANNUM. Thank you ( and subtle-tees) for all your hard work bustin' those suds! -Derek

Don't worry Des, the LAW/GRAD thing is coming thru-Derek

I'm soooooo mad at you. You know who you are.

I knocked on your door Saturday...glad you weren't home...I was just in the mood to recycle trash anyways-JWS

Jonathan, thanks for the ride home Thursday, see if I ever sign your name to the roll in gym. How you like them apples? Josef

J. Sims, where in the hell is my pespective? E&P

Aurelia, I read your column and I want to know how I can get closer to your spirit corner.

Mis-Ordered

OAVP- Dr. Bricks is on his way home!

Thank you to all the people I don't show my appreciation enough. BigTex, GAW, EN, AH, MPO, JG, JCS, NJE &KDE. You Are Appreciated! -DIRK

JB-- you will be ok. Now you are in the same boat I am in, Ha ha.

Akeya, you are the absolute best for handling everything yesterday.

EIC

Elena, Is the couch comfortable enough for you? Should we invest in some pillows? A sleeping bag?

I hope our talk on Sundaay makes things better. I love you guys!

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